



Leona A. Faulkner

June 27, 2023

It is with great sadness that the family of Leona Faulkner of Rockton, IL announce her passing on June 27, 2023 at Javon Bea Hospital, Rockford, IL. Leona suffered a stroke and passed away peacefully with family at her side. Paul and Mae (Katzenberger) Knorr welcomed Leona Ann on January 6, 1932. She joined brothers Tom and Dick, growing up in Rockford. She married Raymond Faulkner and together they raised 6 children on a farm near Shirland, IL. It was a life filled with horses, German Shepherd dogs, any other animal needing a home and country music. Leona and Raymond chose to make part of the farm into River's Edge Campground and Coffee Shop. For over 25 years Leona served homestyle food to friends and customers. (For her they were one in the same). Many of those, plus family thought she was "The Best Cook Ever." There was always a place at her table for "Just One More." Leona tried to stay in touch with all of her family and heartily welcomed each new addition. Leona is lovingly survived by daughter LaRay (Rod) Flom, Kay Faulkner, Jay Ann (Rick) Bell; son, Bill (Sherri) Faulkner, Gary (Brenda) Faulkner, Ray Faulkner; grandchildren, Holly Matlock, Rodney II, Jeff, Jeni, Ben, Beth, Brandon; 17 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Phyllis Knorr and Theda Knorr; many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents; former husband, Raymond; granddaughter, Stacy Faulkner Langhoff; and "almost son," Tom Dobson. Per Leona's wishes there will be no services. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services assisted the family. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Very sorry for the loss of mom/mom in-law Gary and Brenda, sending hugs and prayers.* ”



Debra - July 12, 2023 at 06:46 PM

GF

“ *What a wonderful life and legacy !* ”



Gill family - July 11, 2023 at 10:16 PM

MC

“ *I had the joy and privilege of working with Leona at the Rivers Edge years ago. She was always happy and sweet! You can tell what a great mom she was by looking at her children! She will be missed!* ”

Marsha (Barker) Conklin - July 11, 2023 at 09:15 PM

MH

“ *Leona was such a wonderful lady. I loved working at the restaurant and going on catering events with her. She was such a loving and friendly lady always had a smile on her face. She will always hold a special place in my heart.* ”

Marie Huenefeld - July 11, 2023 at 06:55 PM

KJ

“ *She was a wonderful lady. She will be missed. Kathi jurkowski* ”

Kathi jurkowski - July 11, 2023 at 05:58 PM