



## Emma Jean Boeker

December 23, 1921 - June 24, 2020

Emma Jean Boeker, 98, of Oakford, IL passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. Emma Jean was born on December 23, 1921 in Cass County, Illinois to Ernest and Nettie Sutton. She attended Petersburg Harris High School. In 1945, Emma Jean married William Eugene Boeker. He preceded her in death on November 14, 1978.

Emma Jean is survived by her son, Rod (Barbara) Boeker of Elgin, IL; her grandchildren, Anne (Timothy) Archer of Shorewood, IL, John (Kelsi) Boeker of Sycamore, IL; and six great grandchildren, Adelai, Benjamin, and Charlotte Archer, and Hailee, Conner and Emilia Boeker.

Emma Jean and William resided in Oakford, IL, where they owned and operated The General Store. After 35 years, she changed occupations and went to work as a bank teller for the Petersburg National Bank. Emma Jean loved basketball, and was a member of the Oakford Girls A All State Champions (1946, 1947, and 1948). Being self-reliant was always very important to her. She also enjoyed her family very much.

A graveside service will be held for Emma Jean on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 1:30 PM at Oakford Cemetery in Oakford, IL. Rev. Rick Pierce will officiate. A visitation will be held prior to the service at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com)  
Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL is assisting the family with

arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakford Cemetery

Oakford, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 30. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Graveside Service

JUN 30. 1:30 PM (CT)

Oakford Cemetery  
Oakford, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emma Jean Boeker*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Emma Jean will be sadly missed by the community! When they retired, we bought the store from them. She was a wonderful lady!!*

**Tom and Grace Robinson** - June 30, 2020 at 10:58 PM



“ *Loved seeing her at the bank when I came in. That smile .. she was everyone's Granny Boeker . God bless !*

**Mary Smith Berndt** - June 29, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Emma Jean's passing. She was such a joy to work with and I wish I could have spent more time with her. Lew and Sue Hultgren*

**Lew Hultgren** - June 29, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ *Our sympathy to all of you on Emma jeans passing. She will be missed for sure.*

*Tim and Char Wallace*

**Char Wallace** - June 29, 2020 at 11:06 AM

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“ Love and peace to you Emma Jean.  
Diane Larson (Dawson)



Diane Larson (Dawson) - June 27, 2020 at 08:50 PM

JH

“ I have to correct my condolence I sent early. Obviously Rack was not Emma Jean's husband and I got my Boeker names confused. My condolences remain the same. They were all great people. Judy Hurdle

Judith K Hurdle - June 27, 2020 at 10:42 AM

ML

“ Emma and Gene Boeker were are part my life growing up in a close knit midwestern town and a big part of the community in a positive way. Together they represent what America is supposed to be about and sadly is being lost today. I will miss Emma Jean and so will the Oakford community. Mark Lounsberry

Mark Lounsberry - June 27, 2020 at 10:27 AM

JH

“ Emma Jean and Rack were such important members of the Oakford community. When we were married in 1971, we lived in Oakford and their little store was the heartbeat of that little town. You could always be assured you would be met with a smile and warm welcome. Your family was blessed with two wonderful people. They are both missed. Clint and Judy Hurdle

Judith K Hurdle - June 27, 2020 at 10:21 AM

LM

“ *Lisa McDougall lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean Boeker*



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**Lisa McDougall** - June 26, 2020 at 10:15 PM

LS

“ *Rod, sorry for your loss. Always loved going to the store when I went to my mom and dads Glen Shawgos. They had the best lunch meat!always pleasant to see!*

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**Linda Shawgo Sexton** - June 26, 2020 at 07:01 PM

RS

“ *Richard Smith lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean Boeker*



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**richard smith** - June 26, 2020 at 05:48 PM

BC

“ *Sorry to hear about mrs. Boeker.*



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**Brenda Otto Craig** - June 26, 2020 at 05:32 PM

MC

“ We were sorry to hear of Emmie's passing, she was a great lady and will be missed, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Marshall and Roxy Collins.

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**Marshall M Collins** - June 26, 2020 at 05:27 PM

BL

“ Rod and family,  
Your mom, mother-in-law and grandmother was one of the nicest persons I've ever met. May she rest in piece and may God provide you peace knowing she is now at his side with your dad.

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**Bob Lynn** - June 26, 2020 at 02:52 PM