



Loretta M. Whitaker

September 11, 1936 - April 18, 2017

Forest City—Loretta M. Whitaker, 80, of Forest City passed away at 6:07 P.M. at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. She was born September 11, 1936 in Pekin the daughter of Lewis (Bud) and Thelma Petty Warner. She married John Whitaker on August 3, 1958 in Manito and he survives. Loretta has one son, Todd Whitaker of Franklin Grove; two daughters, Shari (John) Modica of Nixa, MO. and Jodie (Steve) Koch of Chatham. She has five grandchildren and two step grandchildren. One sister, Nancy Longmeyer also survives. She is preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Lowell Warner.

After high school she attended ISNU and received her BA. She was a substitute teacher in the Forman School District and assisted her husband with the family farm. She was a member of the Community United Methodist Church, and was past vice president of the United Methodist Women's Group of the church. She assisted with other activities in the church for many years. Loretta was active with the Manito Women's Red Hat organization and with the Emanuel's Warehouse.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Community United Methodist Church. Rev. Gregory Boylan will officiate. Visitation will start at 9:30 A.M. Saturday at the church until the time of service. Burial will be in Meadow Lawn Cemetery in Manito. Memorial donations may be given to the Community United Methodist Church in Manito. To leave an online message for the family go to www.hurleyfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 22. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Manito Community Methodist Church - Manito
109 S. Washington
Manito, IL 61546
(309) 968-6226

Funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ *Loretta M. Whitaker*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *We were so very saddened to hear of Mrs. Whitaker's passing. Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of this very dear lady ... Dr. Don Sielaff and staff at Springfield Clinic in Lincoln.*



C. Cooper RN for Dr. Sielaff - April 26, 2017 at 09:34 AM



“ *Jim And Marilyn Braid a lit a candle in memory of Loretta M. Whitaker*



Jim and Marilyn Braid a - April 24, 2017 at 08:22 AM



Just a note to tell Loretta's family what a beautiful service she had on Saturday, what a fine tribute from so many friends, and to thank them for the wonderful dinner afterwards. Our apologies to John for not seeing him to say goodbye before we left. We are praying for him for courage in the next few days and weeks to come. Sincere sympathy and caring, Jim and Marilyn Braid a

Jim and Marilyn Braid a - April 24, 2017 at 08:27 AM

ES

“ *Electrical Maintance Dept. Byron Station purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Loretta M. Whitaker.*



Electrical Maintance Dept. Byron Station - April 21, 2017 at 11:23 AM

JM

“ *Dear Whitaker Family~~~Oh my. I was just reflecting on such happy times with this wonderful family and growing up with them. The evenings spent at their home and ours. Experiencing the TRUE meaning of "running around like a chicken with it's head cut off" in their farm yard!!! LOL. Although we moved from the farm in 1979, true friendship always remain. May God wrap his loving arms around you all and comfort you. Heaven is a much happier place now and my Wilma & Jim can "catch~up" with Loretta as they watch over us all as Angels who protect us. Love & Peace. Jeff and Family*

Jeff Maxwell - April 21, 2017 at 08:30 AM

SM

“ We are sure sorry to hear of Loretta's passing. I don't know if there has ever been a time I've seen her when she didn't come to me with a smile, ask about me and the family, and share about all of you! And, oh, so many memories of her service to our Lord at the Methodist Church and the Ladies' groups. She was a beautiful soul on this earth, and now she has been made complete in Christ and will be forever in his presence worshipping our God!

I'm sorry we won't be able to attend services as we will be out of town. Please accept our sincere sympathy!

*Hugs,
Sandy and Jerry Munter*

Sandy Munter - April 21, 2017 at 08:26 AM

JG

“ Loretta and John were good farm friends of our family. Fond memories of playing with Todd, Sharri, and Jody growing up while our moms and dads visited each other! So sorry to hear of Loretta's passing. Julie(Schacherbauer) Gale

Julie gale - April 20, 2017 at 07:50 PM

SS

“ Lovely lady <3



Steve and Kim Singley - April 20, 2017 at 05:05 PM



Kurt
Knisley

“ *The first time I met Loretta was while in the 5th grade, Miss Dearborns class. As a "problem student" my desk was placed next to the teacher . Well I.had a crush on her daughter Shari and sure enough the next day we had a substitute teacher,whom I was informed was Shari's mother, needless to say, and to the class amusement, I was a very, very well behaved student,and was each time Loretta subbed. My heart is truly saddened and heavy with sorrow and loss for John's beloved wife, and her children's beloved mother.*

Kurt Knisley - April 20, 2017 at 03:17 PM