



## Ollie M. Fancher

December 8, 1930 - September 5, 2020

Ollie M. Fancher, 89, of Mason City passed away at 12:55 pm on Saturday, September 5, 2020 at Mason City Area Nursing with her family at her side. She was born on December 8, 1930 in Tazewell county to William and Agnes (Noble) Bustle. On June 28, 1946 in Mason City she married Dale Fancher who survives.

Also surviving are 2 sons: Larry (Janet) Fancher and Frank Fancher both of Mason City, 5 grandchildren, and 10- great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, 3 siblings: Robert, Elsie, Gertrude, son Jerry (JD) Fancher and grandson Jedediah Fancher.

Dale and Ollie owned and operated Fanchers' White Front Café on Main Street in Mason City for 25 years before selling the café and buying the Pollack Place just east of Mason City and making it their home. Ollie enjoyed gardening, cooking, collecting cookbooks from all over the country while traveling and sewing. She would say "there is no greater joy than quilting and sewing for her grandchildren and great grandchildren."

Ollie was a member of the Madeline Chapter of the Eastern Star and the Salt Creek Chapter of the DAR. During the early 1950's both Dale and Ollie belonged to the Civil Air Patrol out of Lincoln, it was still very active and focused on search and rescue.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mason City Area Nursing Home's Activity Department. Online condolences can be left at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **Mason City Cemetery**

Mason City, IL 62664

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ollie M. Fancher*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *My condolences to the family of Ollie and Dale Fancher. Ollie was a wonderful person, hard worker, and dedicated to Dale and the Boys. She made the best pie at the White Front Cafe and her and Dale were the best bosses I ever had. And the first bosses I ever had. I can always remember her calling for the boys to wake up out in the hallway we shared down to the front street. Or for other reasons. lol... The boys had rooms above the apartment but you had to go out the front door and up the stairs to them. We lived right beside them above our businesses. Our families have lots of wonderful memories together and Ollie will be sadly missed by us. The Tripp Kids, Bob, Brenda, Becky & Erin.*



**Brenda DeCanter** - September 09, 2020 at 12:37 PM

“What can I say ... Ollie was there when Jed and Angela were born. ...first baths, first oatmeal, all the firsts with newborns, etc. ... for a new mother. ... and then continued to help me with sewing and more for both. Dale taught Jed so much in so many ways I can't even begin to list them all. Suffice it to say, they both helped raise these children. And their influence and contribution and love for the entire family was always so apparent.

*They were both such hard workers and so dedicated to their community. So talented. So genuine. Even all those years ago it was so clear their contribution to the community of Mason City... and I so remember the community knowing that.*

*After Frank and I parted ways, they both welcomed my new husband with open arms. They now know how much that meant to both Bill and I.*

*I know in my heart they are both with Jed and Jerry and so many other loved ones. They all watch over us.*

*A girlfriend share this with me. It was comforting to me ... I would like to share it.*

#### DEATH IS NOTHING AT ALL

*I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I and you are you, and whatever we were to each other, that we still are. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same that is, ever was, it is absolute unbroken continuity.*

*Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am waiting for you for an interval. Somewhere very near, just around the corner, all is well. Nothing is past, nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before. How we will laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again.*

*God's speed and grace.*

*Bill and Lisa Platz*

**lisa** - September 08, 2020 at 09:44 PM

RM

“ *loved Ollie's smile , such a sweet woman.*

**Ruth the bus driver & maintenance** - September 08, 2020 at 07:01 PM

EL

“ *Elaine Long lit a candle in memory of Ollie M. Fancher*



**Elaine Long** - September 08, 2020 at 01:58 PM

DT

“ *She was such a sweet lady.*

**Dee Thompson** - September 08, 2020 at 12:22 PM

MH

“ *The staff at Mason City Area Nursing Home were blessed to have cared for Ollie. Her smile was something!! We will miss her, miss seeing her family who were wonderfully supportive to her and Dale. All our thoughts and prayers-----*

**Mason City Area Nursing Home** - September 08, 2020 at 10:29 AM

SL

“ *Sandy Lynn lit a candle in memory of Ollie M. Fancher*



**sandy lynn** - September 07, 2020 at 03:05 PM

RM

“ *Ruth The Bus Driver & Main6 lit a candle in memory of Ollie M. Fancher*



Ruth the bus driver & main6 - September 07, 2020 at 02:05 PM

BR

“ *Barb Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Ollie M. Fancher*



Barb Rodgers - September 07, 2020 at 12:22 PM

SM

“ *Ollie was the sweetest little thing. I absolutely loved taking care of her and her husband. I know he will be lost without her. Love and prayers to the family.*



Shannon McCoy - September 07, 2020 at 04:28 AM

LB

“ *Sending love and prayers to Uncle Dale and Frank and Larry and families. Aunt Ollie was such a beautiful soul and I have happy memories of our visits to the Pollack Place growing up. She lit up the room with her smile and was great to hear the stories she and Dale would share — they were the best storytellers! She will be missed. ❤️🙏*

Laura Behare - September 06, 2020 at 09:59 PM

BH

“ I sure will miss my aunt Ollie. I am so glad we got to go down to Mason City to visit her, Uncle Dale, and all my cousins in the past year. I remember a little of going to the restaurant when I was a little girl. I still have a glass from there that I will treasure. She is now up there in Heaven giving my dad (Robert) a big hug from me. The last thing I remember is her reaching up to stroke my face and she said something to me. I honestly think she may have remembered me. Only she knew if she did. Uncle Dale said that is the first time she had talked in weeks. I love you Aunt Ollie and will miss you.



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**Becky Hamm** - September 06, 2020 at 07:10 PM

RH

*I'm so sorry to hear this sad news about Aunt Ollie. I so remember coming down to the White Front Cafe. I always thought that was so neat. She was such a sweet woman. She will be so missed. She is blessed to see daddy, Aunt Elsie , Aunt Gertrude & Grandma. Tell them all hi Aunt Ollie for all of us. Much Love, Pete & Robin*

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**Robin Hittle** - September 06, 2020 at 09:38 PM

JM

“ *Deepest sympathies to the entire Fancher family*



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**jean meikle** - September 06, 2020 at 06:20 PM

NW

“ Nancy/Larry Wilcoxson lit a candle in memory of Ollie M. Fancher



Nancy/Larry Wilcoxson - September 06, 2020 at 04:31 PM

PF

“ So sorry to hear about your wife, mother and grandmother. Always enjoyed going into the white front cafe, best burgers ever. She and Dale are the finest around. Dale take care of yourself. Patty (Christy) Fore.

Patty (Christy) Fore - September 06, 2020 at 03:58 PM

BD

“ Benjamin, Vicki, Robin, Justin and Destini purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ollie M. Fancher.



Benjamin, Vicki, Robin, Justin and Destini - September 06, 2020 at 03:40 PM

CH

“ Charlotte(seward)veronesi lit a candle in memory of Ollie M. Fancher



charlotte(seward)veronesi - September 06, 2020 at 02:50 PM

RG

“ *That smile! Always!  
I'm so sorry for your loss, Dale, Larry, Frank and family. May you experience His love as He holds you and your hearts in the palm of His hand during this time of grief. In Jesus name*

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**Rita Becker Gottfred** - September 06, 2020 at 01:49 PM

SS

“ *Sally Maxson Steele lit a candle in memory of  
Ollie M. Fancher*



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**Sally Maxson Steele** - September 06, 2020 at 01:12 PM

SH

“ *My prayers are with Ollie's family. I remember spending lots of times at the White Front and have known so many of her family my whole life. My prayers are with them all.*

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**Sandy Hagan** - September 06, 2020 at 01:03 PM

DC

*What a gracious and beautiful person Ollie was. Truly a grand memory to so many from the restauraunt days. She will be missed for sure. Dale, Larry and Frank and families are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**David Coulter** - September 06, 2020 at 07:40 PM

MD

*My heart goes out to Uncle Dale and all the other family and cousins ..Some of my very best memories when I was a little girl are of Aunt Ollie and Uncle Dale and going to the restaurant and getting set up on the counter and having freshly made donuts and seven up floats... Uncle Dale you are in my heart and my prayers...*

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**Marianne Daughety** - September 06, 2020 at 08:20 PM