



## Thelma E. Blizek

November 29, 1929 - March 14, 2023

Thelma Elizabeth Blizek, 93, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away on March 14, 2023, at The Villas of Holly Brook in Springfield, IL, surrounded by friends and family.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 24th, 2023 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, with a Memorial Service to be held on Saturday, March 25th at 11:00 AM at the St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church in Petersburg, IL.

Thelma was born on November 29, 1929, to Herman and Mary (Power) Juergens in Petersburg. She was preceded in death by her parents and her three brothers – Fred (1996), Perry (2008), and Dale Richard “Dick” (2016), all of Petersburg. She graduated from Petersburg Harris High School in 1948, and married Stuart L. Hofing on June 9, 1948. They have three children – Steve (Sherry) Hofing of Champaign, Sue (Randy) Smith of Pleasant Plains, and Barbara (Larry) Rogers of Evansville, Indiana. There are six grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. Stuart passed away August 4, 1982.

Thelma married James R. Blizek on November 11, 1988, and expanded her family to include three step-children – Susan Lee (Eugene) Gronewald of Petersburg, Robert James (Susan) Blizek of Maryland, and Marcia Ann (Mike) Shields of Dawson, IL; There are six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and one great, great grandchild. She was preceded in passing by James on April 20, 2021, and one grandchild.

Thelma worked at several places throughout her life, including West Foods, Lee International Harvester, Porta School District, and Jim Marre Motors, all in Petersburg. This was in addition to her supporting role on the farm for 34 years. She operated Hofing Farms in partnership with her son Steve for an additional ten years until 1992. She was a lifelong member of Menard County Homemakers, an active contributor to the planning and execution of the Porta 100-year reunion, and a member of First Christian Church.

Thelma loved to travel, and enjoyed numerous trips following her retirement. She loved her family both close and extended, and always looked forward to visits in either direction. She impacted many lives in her more than ten decades on earth. She will be sorely missed by family and friends she left behind, and fondly welcomed home by those who went before her.

Memorials can be made to the Menard County Cemetery Association or the charity of the donor's choice.

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.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

MAR **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Paul Free Evangelical Church - Petersburg  
209 West Douglas St.  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2718

# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thelma E. Blizek.*



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March 24, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thelma E. Blizek.*



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March 23, 2023 at 11:40 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Thelma E. Blizek.*



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March 23, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ *Sincere sympathy to the Blizek & Hofing families- what a wonderful lady she was.*  
*Johnny & Sandy Estill*

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**John Estill** - March 22, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thelma E. Blizek.*



March 22, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thelma E. Blizek.*



March 22, 2023 at 11:46 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thelma E. Blizek.*



March 21, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *Thelma was a great lady to know over the years. I enjoyed seeing her here at the Villas and visiting with son, Steve. Prayers for her families.*

*Mary Jo Morlee*

**Mary Jo Morlee** - March 20, 2023 at 09:24 PM

TS

“ *She was a sweet lady and will be missed by Countryside Estates staff and tenants. Sending prayers to the family through this difficult time.*

Tracy Suehring - March 20, 2023 at 03:10 PM

TN

“ *The Blizeks in MD / NC purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Thelma E. Blizek.*



The Blizeks in MD / NC - March 20, 2023 at 11:08 AM

BH

“ *So sorry to hear of Thelma's passing. May all of your good memories of her help you through this difficult time. Sincere condolences.*

Bonnie and Kenny Hills - March 19, 2023 at 07:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thelma E. Blizek.*



March 18, 2023 at 01:44 PM

DH

“ *Thelma was a long time friend from High School days. She always had such a lovely smile. Will miss her.*

Donna Hitchcock - March 18, 2023 at 10:42 AM

LH

“ *Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma E. Blizek*



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**Larry and Mary Hundt** - March 18, 2023 at 08:51 AM

MM

“ *To the Family of Thelma Blizek,  
So very sorry to hear of Thelma's passing. Thelma and I always  
laughed when we were together.  
Paul and Marilyn Montgomery*

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**Marilyn Montgomery** - March 17, 2023 at 07:21 PM