



Mrs. Retha May Walker

September 28, 1914 - November 15, 2018

Retha May Walker (Williams), known by her family as “Nanny” passed away on Thursday, November 15th, 2018 at the age of 104. Retha was born on September 28th, 1914 to her parents John Frank Williams and Amanda Ellen Williams (Woirhaye). She was one of six children, having three brothers Willard, Pertle, and Werby, and two sisters Letha and Leda Pearl who all preceded her in death. Retha was united in marriage on August 7th, 1933 to Hershell Vayne Walker at the Hermitage Court House. Vayne and Retha happily lived their lives on a farm in Urbana, Missouri, then Fristoe, Missouri where they raised Hereford cattle. They had two beautiful daughters, Ramadean Grisham and Frankie May Sutton. Her husband Vayne, and daughter Frankie May both preceded her in death. Retha had one granddaughter, Shirley Ann Evans (Grisham), a great granddaughter, Lisa Marie, a great grandson, Christopher, and a great-great grandson, Douglas, who also preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughter Ramadean Grisham and husband James Lee “Jim” Grisham, her grandsons James Michael “Mike” Grisham, David Sutton, Daniel Sutton, Johnny Sutton, and Howard Sutton, her granddaughters Carolyn Mullen (Sutton), Glenda Morgan (Sutton), and Sheila Robertson (Sutton), her twenty-six great grandchildren, her seventeen great-great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Vayne and Retha were fun loving, hardworking, family oriented, farming enthusiasts that loved the outdoors and took great pride in their farm and home. They always had a big garden, bringing out lots of strawberries and

huge tomatoes along with beautiful roses throughout the yard. Vayne and Retha were the definition of hardworking, building many barns by hand, and even harvesting over 7,000 square bales every season while in their 70s throughout their 80s. Up into her nineties, Retha could be found mowing the yard or bush hogging the pastures. The times spent in the house were of Retha quilting and Vayne reading or playing Rook with family. In her later years, she would spend many hours sitting by the window watching her cows in the fields and always knew when there were new baby calves. She was also a wonderful cook, with fried chicken, mashed potatoes, homemade noodles and cherry pie being the favorites of family and friends. Vayne and Retha lived a picture perfect romance filled with many years of love. They were very proud of the fact that they never spent a night apart their entire 66 years of marriage before Vayne passed away in 1999. Retha is now reunited with her beloved husband, daughter, and dog Snowball. As found in many cards from Vayne to Retha: "To my darling wife and sweetheart, from a true loving husband."

Graveside services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at the Fristoe 1st Baptist Cemetery with Pastor Mike Henderson officiating. Escorts will be Dale Pitts, Sim Smitherman, Billy Evans, Austin Kinslow, Dalton Grisham, and Kyle Arthur. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Fristoe 1st Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Saturday at the Cantlon Otterness & Viets Funeral Home in Urbana.

Cemetery Details

Fristoe Cemetery

Fristoe, MO 65355

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Urbana
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Graveside Service

NOV 18. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Fristoe, MO 65355

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Retha May Walker*

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Mrs. Retha May Walker*

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ *Mrs. Retha May Walker*

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ *Mrs. Retha May Walker*

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Mrs. Retha May Walker*

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *debra s sutton purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Retha May Walker.*



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