



Thelma Irene Stafford

September 28, 1935 - July 17, 2019

Thelma Irene Stafford was born September 28, 1935 in Dallas County, Missouri, the daughter of Bert and Myrtle (Chastain) Smith. She peacefully departed this earth on July 17, 2019 at her home in Buffalo, Missouri.

Irene, as she liked to be called, was raised in Dallas County and attended Cowden School. She was united in marriage to Iden "Slim" Stafford on April 12, 1954 and to this union eight children were born. She worked at Chastain's Nursing Home in Buffalo as an aide and in physical therapy for 23 years. Everyone that knew her knew how much she loved her children, family get together, camping, and laughing. She enjoyed trips down country roads, sauerkraut, and she was "family famous" for her stuffing.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Jane; two brothers, Bob and Donnie; and an infant daughter, Beverly Sue Stafford. She is survived by four daughters, Anita & husband Bobby Carver of Buffalo, MO, Sherry & husband Gary Dame of Long Lane, MO, Brenda & husband Larry Jemes of Lebanon, MO, and Lisa Bennett of Heber Springs, AR; three sons, Terry Stafford, Roger Stafford, and Jeff Stafford all of Buffalo, MO; 19 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves bunches of extended family and friends who will forever miss her. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 20, 201 at the Cantlon Otterness & Viets Funeral Home with Bro. Bill Autry officiating. Escorts will be Brian Stafford, Matt Dame, Michael Stafford, Cody Bennett, Dakota Casteel, and Hunter Stafford. Honorary escorts will be Jeffrey Stafford,

Jr. and Shaun Stafford. Interment will be in the Benton Branch Cemetery under the care and direction of the Cantlon Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo. Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Friday at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to help with the funeral expenses.

Cemetery Details

Benton Branch

Benton Branch Road
Buffalo, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Buffalo
931 W. Main St.
P.O. Box 993
Buffalo, MO 65622
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Service

JUL **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma Irene Stafford*

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Thelma Irene Stafford*

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ *Thelma Irene Stafford*

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ *Thelma Irene Stafford*

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Thelma Irene Stafford*

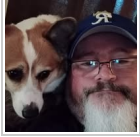
December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *Anita Evans lit a candle in memory of Thelma Irene Stafford*



Anita Evans - July 20, 2019 at 10:54 PM



“ *My heart goes out to you guys. I'm sorry for your loss.*

Thomas Boyd - July 20, 2019 at 10:43 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Thelma Irene Stafford.*



July 19, 2019 at 06:08 PM



“ *Shirley Jasper lit a candle in memory of Thelma Irene Stafford*



Shirley Jasper - July 19, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ *Irene is one of the few that was left out on K highway community. Visiting her house was like walking into the Walton's home. Her house was truly a home that she raised her kids along with her husband Slim She truly raised her kids to love and care for each other. She leaves a legacy of love through her family Some of our kids were best friends with her kids, and she will be truly missed by my family.*

Shirley Jasper - July 19, 2019 at 01:48 PM

WS

“ *Wilma Slack lit a candle in memory of Thelma Irene Stafford*



Wilma Slack - July 19, 2019 at 10:58 AM

WS

“ *I am so very sorry to learn about Irene's passing. She fought a good fight. She was a terrific and sweet lady that I will never forget. God bless you all!*

Wilma Slack - July 19, 2019 at 10:57 AM

GC

“ *So sorry to hear of Irene's passing. Our sympathy to the Stafford family.*
Gary & Gina Cook

gina cook - July 18, 2019 at 07:55 PM