



Mary Jane (Barnett) Thorpe

November 26, 1921 - June 15, 2014

Mary Jane (Barnett) Thorpe, 92, died peacefully June 15, 2014 at her home in Rush County. Mary Jane was born November 26, 1921 in Zeeland, Michigan to Robert Vance & Henrietta Martha (Van Zee) Barnett, the oldest of three children. She spent most of her life in Rush County, her family owned & operated the Hoosier Dairy.

Mary Jane was a graduate of Rushville High School, Hanover College, Columbia University School of Library Service and Western Reserve University School of Nursing. She taught school in Aurora, IN, worked as a librarian in Washington, D.C. and Cleveland, OH and was the first full-time nurse for the Rushville schools.

In 1961, she married Marlan Lee Thorpe and he preceded her in death on January 28, 2007. She & Marlan had one daughter, Lee Ann (Thorpe) Devine of Indianapolis. In 1978, the family moved to Rush County and built a home near New Salem on the Sefton family farm.

Mary Jane was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi and Psi Iota Xi sororities, the P.E.O. sisterhood, Monday Circle and Music Study Club. She was ordained as both a deacon and elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Rushville where she served as both an elder and Clerk of Session.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and both her brothers, Robert Vance Barnett, Jr. and John Paul Barnett. In addition to her daughter, she is survived by nephews, John Chris Barnett and John Steven

Barnett and nieces, Dean Bullock (Barnett) Fowler, Jane Vance (Barnett) Scrafford and Martha Clark (Barnett) Hodges.

Services will be held at 2 PM Thursday, June 19 at Moster Mortuary, Rushville, where friends are welcome from 1 PM until time of service. Rev. Dena Vittorio will preside and burial will be in Rushville's East Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Hospice of Decatur County or to the First Presbyterian Church in Rushville.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jane (Barnett) Thorpe*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *To the family of Mary Jane Barnett Thorpe, My parents, Mauzy and Mary Jane McManus, were life long friends of Mary Jane. I am sorry to hear of her passing. My sympathies to all of you. with loving concern, Melissa Jane McManus Daubenspeck in NC
P.S. I am also a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.*

Melissa Daubenspeck - June 21, 2014 at 10:14 AM



“ *J Stephen Barnett, Portland, Oregon purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Mary Jane (Barnett) Thorpe.*



J Stephen Barnett, Portland, Oregon - June 18, 2014 at 11:18 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jane (Barnett) Thorpe.*



June 17, 2014 at 01:37 PM

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“ Courtney (Barnett) Meredith & Brittney (Barnett) Haridman purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Mary Jane (Barnett) Thorpe.



Courtney (Barnett) Meredith & Brittney (Barnett) Haridman -
June 17, 2014 at 12:17 PM

JB

“ John Chris and Lori Jean Barnett purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Mary Jane (Barnett) Thorpe.



John Chris and Lori Jean Barnett - June 16, 2014 at 07:16 PM