



LuEllen Agee

April 8, 1919 - November 9, 2023

LuEllen Heyduck Agee, at the blessed age of 104 years & 7 months, passed away on Thursday, November 9, 2023. Several family members surrounded this greatly loved lady as she passed to heaven. LuEllen is survived by her four children: Dr. John (Joan) Agee of Valparaiso, IN, Bill (Karen) Agee and Dave (Vicki) Agee of Centralia, and Deb (Troy) Reed of luka. LuEllen had 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. The grandchildren are: Christopher Agee of Knoxville, TN, Dr. Allison (Ryan) Kane of Castle Pine, CO, Kevin Agee (Amber Gold) of Valparaiso, IN, Jenna Agee (Ryan Hepler) of Indianapolis, IN, Matt (Amy) Clarke of Wentzville, MO, Melissa (William) Petersen of Mt. Zion, IL, Megan (Al) Bazile and Mitch Agee of Centralia, Nick Reed (Danielle Trivett) of Coatesville, IN, and Dr. Chrissy Reed (Jake) Schatz of luka.

LuEllen was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Calvin B. Agee in 2002; sister, Dorothy Heyduck Denman, who died in 2022 at the age 105; special cousin, Phyllis Copple Diedrich; and special friend, Phyllis Wham. LuEllen was born April 8, 1919 to local dentist Dr. John and Lola (Fouts) Heyduck of Centralia. She lived almost all of her life in Centralia, graduating CHS class of 1937. She graduated from Christian College (Columbia College) in Columbia, MO and then transferred to the University of Illinois at Champaign. LuEllen was working on a degree to support her dream of becoming a large department store purchasing agent. Due to the death of her father, she had to leave school and return home to support her mother.

LuEllen worked several jobs, but was proudest of being part of the local oil boom, where she witnessed a gusher coming in. She was honored to be employed by Magnolia Oil and Gas (which became Mobil Oil) as a scheduling manager for many years. She met Calvin Agee and later married in Columbia, MO on June 4, 1949. They returned to live and work in the Centralia area.

LuEllen worked until the birth of her first child. Eventually, she had 4 children, under 4 years old, at the age of 39. She remained a homemaker and enjoyed raising and supporting her children, being interested and directly involved in their adult lives. She loved her family dearly. We have been extremely grateful to have had her so long. LuEllen was a longstanding and loyal friend to many fellow Centralia residents, whom nearly all, she has survived. She will be greatly missed by her family and all that knew her.

LuEllen was a member of many community groups, including the Jr. Women's Club and P.E.O. International (53 year member), and the First Christian Church. She volunteered several years at Kaskaskia College, where she received certificate awards for her benevolence. Her most recent notoriety was in 2022, when she rode the bull at the Iron Saddle Ranch on her 103rd birthday. LuEllen was an avid animal lover. She enjoyed the many dogs and cats that she had throughout her life. The family even had a pet monkey. She found comfort from her latest cat companion, Mr. Tramp. LuEllen had a love for flowers. She took great pride in her flower garden, especially her roses. She has been saddened the last year as her physical agility has decreased, but has remained mentally sharp, interactive, and loving to all. LuEllen was able to stay at home with the help of her family, Angie Ellis and her group of caregivers.

Visitation for LuEllen Agee will be Friday, November 17, 2023 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Sutherland-Garner Funeral Home in Centralia. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM with burial to follow at Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Animal Rescue of Southern Illinois, First Christian Church, or the donor's choice and will be accepted at the funeral home. Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home, located at 235 North

Sycamore Street in Centralia, Illinois, is honored to be of service to the Agee family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Funeral Service

NOV 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of LuEllen Agee*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - November 16, 2023 at 05:14 PM

SM

So very sorry to the Agee family for their loss of their mother. I grew up with the family and it was was a great time. Lu would treat us like her own and Cal would let us know when we stepped out of line. Two great people. Watched video and was able to catch up a little with family from over the years. Wished I had stayed in touch. Again so sorry to John, Bill , Dave , and Deb you were truly lucky to have your mother for so long. Love you all.

Steve Meisenheimer - November 19, 2023 at 05:52 PM

SD

“ *al didn't really know Lu but her son Bill and his family were my neighbors for many yrs until I moved a block away. I would see her at their house on visits and she was such a sweet lady. I'm sorry for your loss. I wish I could be there to give you my condolences. Know that you're in my prayers.*



Stephanie Kay Daniels - November 16, 2023 at 11:45 AM

LG

“ LOVE Bruce, Brenda, David, Ginger purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of LuEllen Agee.



LOVE Bruce, Brenda, David, Ginger - November 16, 2023 at 11:20 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of LuEllen Agee.



November 16, 2023 at 08:55 AM

LF

“ Love, Nena Sork and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LuEllen Agee.

Love, Nena Sork and family - November 15, 2023 at 09:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of LuEllen Agee.



November 15, 2023 at 09:45 PM

NA

“ Condolences and prayers to the Agee family. Noland and Kathy Atchison

Noland Atchison - November 15, 2023 at 05:19 PM

LD

“ To Dave and Deb. My condolences to you and your whole family for the loss of your mother. How very lucky you were to have her in your life for so many years. My prayers are with you. 🙏
Lois walker Durbin

Lois Durbin - November 13, 2023 at 10:39 PM

TK

“ JOHN, BILL, DAVE, DEB, Those were the days, so many great memories, even your old dog lassie, i can remember if anyone would grab DAVE, LASSIE would attack them . HOLTKAMP FIELD, Hensley's back yard, your mother was a great cook as I ate diner with all of you many times, and your Dad teaching us kids while sitting on his lap how to drive your car. Your mother and dad were the best, I loved them both, MEMORIES, are forever, GOD BLESS. TOM K KEELEY,,,,,,SO YOU HAVE IT"" MY CELL NUMBER 618-954-3660 I live in JERRY & TOOTIE COOKSEY'S OLD HOUSE ON SOUTH LINCOLN,,,,,,GOD BLESS

Thomas K Keeley - November 13, 2023 at 06:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of LuEllen Agee.



November 13, 2023 at 04:46 PM

KE

“ *LuEllen was such a delight to get to know. Any time I would see her she was sure to tell me about riding the bull. She was a kind soul and I'm sorry for the family's loss.*

KELSEY - November 13, 2023 at 02:23 PM

HD

“ *What a wonderful tribute to this lady who lived a long and prosperous life. Our thoughts and prayers to the entire family and all her friends. Paul and Helen Donsbach*



Helen Donsbach - November 13, 2023 at 08:30 AM