



Theda Elliott Ryther

September 5, 1927 - April 9, 2021

Theda Elliot Ryther, 93, of Oskaloosa, passed away Friday, April 9, 2021, at Crystal Heights Care Center in Oskaloosa.

Theda Marie Elliot Ryther, daughter of Charles J. and Charlotte (Broyles) Elliott, was born on September 5, 1927, in Trenton, Missouri. Theda attended school in Trenton and later earned her G.E.D. in 1955. Theda was married, at age 16, to Gavin Asher, and to this union, five children were born. They later divorced. She married Carlos J. Ryther on March 18, 1954, in Chillicothe, Missouri, and to this union, two children were born. Theda and Carlos moved back and forth between Oskaloosa and Missouri until 2004 when they stayed here permanently.

In addition to raising her children, Theda worked as a waitress, owned Molly's Café, worked at lady's ready to wear, was a bookkeeper at Lampson Mobile Home Park for 12 years, and D.R.S. for 20 years. After her retirement in 1995, she enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and quilting. She taught Sunday school at the Bethel Baptist Church, where she also sang in the choir. Theda's family was the joy of her life, and spending time with all of them and babysitting her great-grandchildren were some of her greatest treasures. After learning how to quilt during retirement, she loved making quilts for mission trips. She was a member of the Calvary Bible Church. She was a past president of the Oskaloosa Business and Professional Women's group, B.P.W., Mahaska Quilting Guild, and participated in Thursday morning quilting at the Calvary Church.

Theda's family includes her five daughters: Charlotte (Rick) Caves of Oskaloosa, IA; Janice (Richard) Burman of Peru, IL; Connie Slechta of Sigourney, IA; Carla (Charles) Ridenour of Oskaloosa, IA; Vicki (Jeff) Glandon of Macon, MO; a son, Lee (Marge) Asher of Grinnell, IA; a stepson, Larry (Marlene) Ryther of Windsor, MO, 15 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; a stepdaughter Marsha Van Wyk of Nashville, TN and a stepson Jerry (Linda) Van Wyk of Springfield, MO.

Theda was preceded in death by her husband, Carlos; a son, Elliott Lynn Asher; her parents; six brothers: Gerald Elliott, Willard Elliott, Thomas Elliott, Donald Elliott, Everett Elliott, and Carol Elliot; three sisters: Beatrice Emery, Dorothy Poage, and Margaret Callen; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Theda will be held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at the Calvary Bible Church, with Reverend Doug Smiley officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Leighton, IA. Visitation will be held Monday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with the family being present from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Langkamp Funeral Chapel. According to the rules put in place by the Iowa Department of Public Health, proper social distancing and appropriate personal protective equipment are advised for attending this public event. Memorials can be made to the Calvary Bible Church.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Easton Ave. and 205th ST
Leighton, IA 50143

Previous Events

Open Visitation

APR 12. 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Oskaloosa, IA 52577
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Family Visitation

APR 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR **13**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Bible Church
1411 S 11th St
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Theda Elliott Ryther*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - April 11, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ *Theda Elliott Ryther*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Loved those evenings going over to their house for a visit while we kids played outside. Theda taught me how to sing “Shine On Harvest Moon” when I was a little guy. Such a sweet lady about my mother’s age who never lost that bit of sweet Missouri accent. Looking forward to giving her a hug in heaven.*

Jeff Snyder - April 13, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ *Jerry Linda Mike Van Wyk and Mary Drost purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Theda Elliott Ryther.*



Jerry Linda Mike Van Wyk and Mary Drost - April 12, 2021 at 10:22 AM

AF

“ *What a wonderful, kind, caring lady! I'm sorry for the loss of her smiling face. My condolences to her family.*

Ann Fender - April 11, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ *121 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - April 11, 2021 at 12:30 PM

JE

“ *Judy & Wayne Seifert and Vicky & John Elliott purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Theda Elliott Ryther.*



Judy & Wayne Seifert and Vicky & John Elliott - April 11, 2021 at 12:04 PM

VB

“ *Vicki Barnett lit a candle in memory of Theda Elliott Ryther*



Vicki Barnett - April 11, 2021 at 08:41 AM

BG

“ So sorry to hear about Theda. She was such a sweet lady. Loved being hers and Carlos' nurse. Glad they are together again.

Bev Gray - April 10, 2021 at 10:46 PM

MS

“ To my Asher and Ryther cousins: I am so sorry about the loss of your beautiful mother. She was the sweetest Aunt. It is my understanding that my father gave me my middle name after his sister's middle name and an Aunt Marie they had.. I can't help but think of the welcome she must of had last night as she reached her heavenly home. I imagine all the boys were on hand to tease her straight away. With my deepest sympathies, Marsha

Marsha Smith - April 10, 2021 at 09:21 PM