



## Lucille M. Symmonds

November 15, 1924 - December 1, 2021

Lucille M. Symmonds, age 97, of Paxton, passed away on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at Carle Hoopston Regional Health Center. She was born on November 15, 1924 in Rankin, the daughter of Fred and Julia (Collins) Christensen.

She is survived by two children, Jan Ruffner of Urbana and Les (Debbie) Symmonds of Rankin; five grandchildren, Tate Ruffner and Brian Ruffner, both of Urbana, Nathan (Hannah) Symmonds of Rankin, Shelby Symmonds (Bradlee Herman) of Wellington, and Zachary (Amanda) Ellis of Jacksonville, FL; and six great-grandchildren, Noah Wolf of Rantoul, Maverick and Bryson Symmonds of Rankin, Hailey Ellis of Paxton, and Emersyn Herman of Wellington.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents; her late husband, Melvin Symmonds; one daughter, Sally Symmonds; one grandson, Michael Symmonds; and three brothers, Harold Christensen, Earl Christensen, and Clarence Christensen.

She was a longtime member of Grace Lutheran Church in Rankin, and a recent member of First Lutheran Church in Paxton. She was also a member of Bid n' Buy Bridge Club, East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board, Paxton Thrift Store Board, and Health Alliance Advisory Board.

Lucille enjoyed crosswords and jigsaw puzzles, as well as, sewing and crewel embroidery. Most importantly, she loved babysitting her grandchildren and spending precious time with her family. Lucille will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2021 from 12:00pm until the 1:00pm funeral service, at Cox-Knapp Funeral Home in Paxton (142 W. Patton St.). Burial will follow at Rankin Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Lutheran Church in Paxton or Grace Lutheran Church in Rankin.

# Cemetery Details

## Rankin Union Cemetery

E 4200 N Rd  
Rankin, IL 60960

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Cox-Knapp Funeral Home  
142 W. Patton St.  
Paxton, IL 60957  
(217) 379-2353  
coxknappfh@gmail.com  
<http://coxknapp.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KE

“ We were blessed to grow up with Lucille Symmonds as a neighbor. She was always kind to us. We ate primarily out of Dad's big garden and there were few treats in our house. Buying ice cream from the Schwann's truck was not part of our lifestyle. Lucille used to buy individual ice cream cups and invite us over for a treat on a hot summer's day. An enduring and inspiring memory.

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**Karen Banwart Efthvoulos** - December 13, 2021 at 11:38 AM

EC

“ My sister, Mary Gudeman, took care of Lucille & resided w/ her. Mary passed away on July 5th a couple of years ago. She enjoyed Lucille & was a nice lady. I visited w/ them numerous times. Your all have our sympathy. She had a good long life.  
Edna Cluver, Mary's sister

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**Edna Cluver** - December 05, 2021 at 02:04 PM

JR

Thank you, Edna.

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**Jan Ruffner** - January 27, 2022 at 12:38 PM

KV

“ My condolences to the family. It has been many years since I last saw Lucille, but the fond memories of her are still in my heart. She was a beautiful lady inside and out. Always felt welcome in their home.

*Kathy Banwart Veseth*

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**Kathy Banwart Veseth** - December 05, 2021 at 02:00 AM

RB

“ *Mrs. Symmonds was a wonderful woman. She was a great neighbor, always friendly and welcoming to me and the rest of my family. I loved talking with her whenever I saw her at an alumni reunion. She was so genuinely happy for us to spend a little time together reminiscing and catching up. Love. Rob Banwart*

Robert Banwart - December 04, 2021 at 11:49 PM

VE

“ *Sending sympathy to the family. She wrote the nicest note to me when John died. Vickie Ellis*



vickie ellis - December 04, 2021 at 10:41 PM

HD

“ *Our friendship with Lucille and Melvin expands over half a century. They both served the community well May they rest in peace and blessings to their family. Henry and Pat DeHeer*

Henry DeHeer - December 04, 2021 at 11:52 AM

TF

“ *Terry Trospers family purchased the Cherished Memories - All White for the family of Lucille M. Symmonds.*



Terry Trospers family - December 04, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Lucille M. Symmonds.*



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December 04, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ *Prayers to your entire family! I know Mom enjoyed seeing her at the Eastern Star Past Matrons gatherings.* 💕🙏

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**Grace Funk** - December 04, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ *Pastor Jeff, Denise, Whitney Cottingham purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – Purple for the family of Lucille M. Symmonds.*



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**Pastor Jeff, Denise, Whitney Cottingham** - December 03, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ *If it were not for Lucille, I would not have met and married my wife. She is a beautiful soul with an eternal faith and now rests in the arms of her heavenly Father.*

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**Rev. Jeff Cottingham, STS** - December 03, 2021 at 09:14 PM



“ *I remember the many times we met for lunch. We sure wanted to do it one more time*

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**Carolyn** - December 03, 2021 at 08:35 PM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lucille M. Symmonds.*



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December 03, 2021 at 04:43 PM



“ *Condolences to the family*

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**Ron morger** - December 03, 2021 at 02:22 PM



“ *Larry and Bobbie Pilcher purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Lucille M. Symmonds.*



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**Larry and Bobbie Pilcher** - December 03, 2021 at 01:23 PM