



LaurNell Jessie Strack

December 23, 1926 - January 10, 2013

LaurNell Jessie Strack, 86, of Bolivar went to her Heavenly Home at 10:28 pm on January 10, 2013 at Parkview Healthcare Facility in Bolivar. LaurNell was born December 23, 1926 to Jesse Matthew and Elmeda Helen Carey Blackburn. She was a graduate of Bolivar High School class of 1944. LaurNell and John Edward Strack, son of John Christopher and Anna A. Korger Strack, were married June 16, 1945 by Reverend Arthur Hannah at her parents' home in Bolivar. This union was blessed by two children, Helen Ann and Jesse Christopher. She and John lived in Bolivar, then Nevada, Missouri for 24 years, returning to Bolivar in 1988. LaurNell was employed by the State of Missouri for 36 years, retiring in 1989. She worked as Resource Investigator at State Hospital #3, Nevada, Missouri for 22 of those years. In addition, she worked for Missouri Division of Welfare, Division of Mental Health and Division of Aging. Prior to state employment, she worked at Farmers and Merchants Bank in Springfield and Titus Refrigeration in Bolivar. LaurNell was a life-long member of the Bolivar United Methodist Church, being the 3rd of 4 generations belonging to BUMC. She was a member of the Builders Sunday School Class; was 4 years past President of United Methodist Women, was a Life Member of the CMH Auxiliary and the American Legion Post #138 Auxiliary. She is a past member of the International Order of Odd Fellows' Rebecca Lodge, the Federated Ladies Study Club, and the Facts and Fiction Club. LaurNell was preceded in death by her husband John on May 22, 2004; her parents and John's parents; her only sister, Neva Mae Titus and brother-

in-law John Charles Titus; and nephew A. Stewart Gardner. LaurNell is survived by daughter Helen Ann Stanek and her husband Mike of Bolivar; son Chris (Jesse) Strack and his wife Donna of Kansas City, Missouri; granddaughter Karissa Strack; grandson Shannon Lawrence; great-grandchildren Kimri Strack, Kinnadi Pruitt, Emilie and Colton Lawrence; niece Neva Charlene Gardner; great-nephew John K. Gardner; God-daughter Connie Henderson and her husband Mike; "adopted children" Cindy and Ron Whitchurch; special cousins Kay and Shirley Carey; step-grandchildren Candy Grigsby and her fiancée Ron Early; Dylan and Michelle Smith; step-great-grandchildren Katelyn and Noah Grigsby, Colin Stanek-Kump, Bridget Smith-Wilson, Alyssa Smith-Richard; and a host of other family members and friends. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Wednesday, January 16 at the Bolivar United Methodist Church officiated by Rev. J.C. Harp. Interment will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar. Visitation will be held from 5-7 pm on Tuesday, January 15 at Murray Funeral Home in Bolivar. In lieu of flowers donations may be given to the Bolivar United Methodist Church, 105 E Division St., Bolivar, MO 65613. Online condolences may be submitted to www.murrayfuneralhomes.com.

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Tribute Wall



“ LaurNell Jessie Strack

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ LaurNell Jessie Strack

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ Helen ann and Chris was sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. It's hard to imagine so many years have passed since our parents were friends and played cards. dave.

dave hughes - June 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ My Dad went to high school with your Mom and we are sorry to hear of your loss. He liked to visit her when he came to Missouri.

Glenda Inscho - November 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Helen, we are sorry to have missed your Mother's service, but we have been housebound with virus. Will see you soon. Waneta and Bill

Waneta Girardier - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Helen Ann, I was so sorry to hear about your Mother. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Jerald

Jerald Andrews - January 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ We are thinking of you at this time of sorrow. Prayers your way.
Doris Spainhower, Paula Spainhower-Graves and family

Paula Spainhower Graves - January 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Our prayers and deepest sympathy to the Strack Family. LaurNell
was a very special person. She will be very sorely missed by all.

Robert Sr., Robert Jr., and Galen Seufert - January 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I was very sad when I heard that my Grandma Strack died I was
bawling in tears it just didnt fill right that she had to die. But she is in
a heavenly place now. I love her very much.

kimri strack - January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Helen Ann, Chris and family, you all are in my thoughts and prayers
at this time as you say goodbye to your beloved mother. She was
proud of you and loved you dearly. May the good time memories
always be a comfort to you. Sincerely, Sharon and Lee Easter

Sharon Whitman Easter - January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Sorry to learn about LaurNell. We enjoyed working with her at DFS
for many years.

Joe & Dianna Hartley - January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I'm so sorry to hear of LaurNell's passing. From the time I was a very small child, I always thought of her as one of the prettiest ladies I had ever seen and she was, inside and out. Her memory will always bring a smile to my face. Please accept my sincerest sympathies.

Dorothy (Haralson) Tur - January 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM