



Stella Mae Thompson

October 19, 1925 - June 5, 2025

Stella Mae Cates Thompson was born October 19, 1925, in Arcola, Missouri. She was the seventh of twelve children born to James and Lucille Cooper Cates.

Stella was raised with a strong sense of pride and love for her family. Being home and helping on the farm was her favorite place to be. Learning to sew from “Mommy” was one of her favorite memories. Stella was saved as a young girl, and later joined the church. Her faith in God and love for her family kept her grounded and helped her through the ups and downs of life.

After a short courtship, Stella married the love of her life, Jesse Leon Thompson. The two were united in marriage on October 22, 1941. Just over a year later, they were blessed with the joy of their lives: their only child, Marcella Thompson Lewis. Life stayed busy on the farm, and Stella enjoyed being a wife, mother, and keeper of the home.

After Marcella married, Stella went to work outside the home at the garment factory in Bolivar for twenty years, where she did repair work. When the factory closed, she went to work in Stockton at Hagale Garment Factory and worked there for 18 years. Stella later worked for Mark Smith in the dish room at Smith’s Restaurant in Bolivar. At the age of 91, she decided she was old enough to quit work and “retired.”

Stella passed away at Citizens Memorial Hospital Care Facility in Bolivar Missouri Thursday, June 5, 2025 at the age of 99. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and beloved daughter; seven sisters, and two brothers. She is survived by her sisters June Cates and Lucy Cates of Yakima, Washington.

A graveside service for Stella will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 12, 2025, at the Humansville Cemetery.

Stella will be dearly missed and remembered for her beautiful smile, sense of humor, and desire to help those around her.

Previous Events

Graveside

JUN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Humansville Cemetery
Humansville, MO 65674

Tribute Wall

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“ *Stella was a beautiful lady with a caring and giving heart. Enjoyed her so much.*

Johnna Burrow - June 10, 2025 at 05:19 PM

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“ *Dawn Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Stella Thompson*



Dawn Jenkins - June 08, 2025 at 04:03 PM

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“ *Stella was a wonderful Lady, Couldn't find anyone any kinder or sweet! She with her daughter now and at peace ! Love you Stella*

Dawn Jenkins - June 08, 2025 at 02:11 PM