



Ora Lee Davis

October 20, 1916 - August 14, 2023

Ora Lee (Garner) Davis passed away peacefully at her home on August 14, 2023. She was born to Frankie and Arthur Garner on October 20, 1916, in Marion County. She lived in Salem, with her family, until marriage. Her mother, Frankie (Adams) Garner, and father, Arthur Garner, raised eight children in Salem. Ora's brothers, Marion and Woodrow are both deceased. Her sisters, Eva Myers, Irma Daniel, Claudine Beal, Sarah Speake, and Nesta Frost, are also deceased.

Ora graduated from Salem High School in 1935. She worked at Tresler's Five and Dime Store, in Salem, from 1935 to 1939. She married David B. Davis on December 24, 1939. Dave was born the son of Harry and Myrtle Davis of Dix, Illinois, and passed away in January, 1993. Dave and Ora raised three children on a farm 3 miles northwest of Dix. Those three children were Jerry, Nancy, and Harry. Jerry and his wife, Marilyn, reside as Ora's neighbor. Nancy, who married Jim Brock, passed away in 2016. Nancy and Jim lived in the Olney, Illinois, area all of their married life. Harry resides in Conyers, Georgia.

Ora had nine nieces and nephews, Dick Burkett of Palm Springs, California, Steve Speake of Las Vegas, Nevada, Terry Johnson of Earlville, Illinois, Tammy Harper and Tika Hines (deceased), both of Salem, Lana Porter of Atlanta, Georgia, Mark Garner of Salem (deceased), Jackie Hubble of Texas, and Ronnie Garner of Wisconsin.

Ora had nine grandchildren, Spencer Brock, Kristie Shoemaker, Kathie

McVeigh, Jeff Davis, Jena Davis, Dan Dixon, Brian Davis, and Kerry Davis. She also had 12 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren. Ora was a proud, longtime member of the Jefferson County Homemakers. She also enjoyed her association with the members of the Red Hat Society. In addition to her job at Tresler's in Salem, Ora Lee worked for Travelectric Company in Centralia, as well as the U.S. Postal Service, in Dix and Centralia. She enjoyed playing cards and dominoes with her many local friends, and she worked jigsaw puzzles every evening for the past several years.

She was a member and regular attendee of the Little Grove Church, near Walnut Hill.

Ora was a devoted wife and mother, was greatly loved, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Funeral services for Mrs. Davis will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 19, 2023, at Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, with Lance Boldt officiating. Burial will follow at Zion Grove Cemetery, next to her husband, Dave. Visitation will be held Friday, August 18, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Little Grove Church, and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

The Davis family wishes to convey our profound gratitude to Diana Boyd. Diana has been a friend of Ora's for many years. In the last 8 years, that friendship switched to her being Ora's steadfast and dependable caretaker, and loving companion. Royal and Nancy Woodard have also been loyal, steadfast, and dependable friends of Dave and Ora for many years. The Woodards have frequently stopped by to check on Ora, always with a tasty edible treat in hand. The Woodards have always been our "go to" source when Ora needed help.

Cemetery Details

Zion Grove Cemetery

Kell, IL 62853

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Osborn Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

DL

“ I don't know where to begin in sharing memories of Ora. She and Dave were long-time friends of our family and my parents played in the Pinochle Club with them. Dave always accused me of stealing his name and Ora was such a fun and loving person, especially letting us get on the big merry-g-round and that monster slide. (Guess HAD's memories of that slide are not as good. HA!) Whenever Dad and Mom , and then later when my brother or I brought mom to visit in Dix, Ora always opened her house for us to stay with her. Special times...especially watching the Cardinals with her!

God bless you, Jerry and Marilyn and HAD.

David Long

David Long - August 22, 2023 at 06:33 PM

ST

“ Perhaps she didn't know, but my Aunt Ora gifted me a deep appreciation for agriculture and country life. Cities couldn't even exist without agriculture! As a toddler, my time with Aunt Ora taught me the exhilaration of wide open spaces and fostered an abiding reverence for the out-of-doors and the wonder of Nature. I'm confident that my current love of isolation and solitude in the great outdoors is rooted in those joyful visits to "The Farm." Ora is a towering figure among those who positively shaped my formative years. Thank you, Aunt Ora. And thanks for the time back in the 1950s when you rescued me after I had climbed to the top of an oil tank but couldn't get back down.

Life's Best to Marilyn, Jerry, and "HAD,"
Cousin Steve

Steve - August 21, 2023 at 02:15 PM

PK

“ *One of the kindest women I ever new. Rest in peace my friend.
Know you were loved by so many.*

Pamela Kirkpatrick - August 19, 2023 at 12:40 PM

RG

“ *Spent many a happy afternoon as a kid fishing in the pond. Ora was
always so kind and I will always have fond memories of her and
Dave. I was visiting with mom today and she ask about Ora Lee so
happened to look her up online to find out her visitation was today.
Mom now has dementia but like me still has sweet memories of Ora
Lee. Love and peace to you all.*

Rodney Goodman - August 18, 2023 at 05:24 PM

JW

“ *Her smiling face will always be remembered. Joyce Wiedman*

Joyce Wiedman - August 18, 2023 at 12:28 PM

DD

“ *Don and I enjoyed many special memories with Grandma Ora Lee.
She was a kind and loving lady and we will remember her always.
Rest in eternal peace*

*We love you,
Don & Zelma Dixon
Kristi Dixon-Pride & Stephen Pride
Corbin & Madeline Knight-Dixon*



don dixon - August 18, 2023 at 10:53 AM

PB

“ Peggy and Dale Bode purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ora Lee Davis.



Peggy and Dale Bode - August 17, 2023 at 11:48 PM

PB

“ Peggy and Dale Bode planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ora Lee Davis.

Peggy and Dale Bode - August 17, 2023 at 11:48 PM

DB

“ Dan, Sandi, Baka purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ora Lee Davis.



Dan, Sandi, Baka - August 17, 2023 at 08:18 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ora Lee Davis.



August 17, 2023 at 06:14 PM



“ Jenny, David, & Kyle Johnson purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ora Lee Davis.



Jenny, David, & Kyle Johnson - August 15, 2023 at 08:42 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ora Lee Davis.



August 15, 2023 at 05:53 PM



“ 39 files added to the album Life Tributes



Osborn Funeral Home - August 15, 2023 at 05:37 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Ora Lee Davis.*



August 14, 2023 at 11:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ora Lee Davis.

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