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Decatur- Viola Mae, Whobrey, 96, of Hammond, IL passed away Friday, September 6, 2013 in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

“Mae” was born in Decatur on March 23, 1917, the daughter of John and Viola Ryder. Earlier in her life, she worked as a Decatur Park Youth Director. She was one of the founding members of the Women’s Auxiliary in Mt. Vernon, Jefferson County, IL during WWII. She worked at the John’s Green Store downtown Decatur for many years until closing. She also was a waitress several years in Mt. Vernon, IL and Hammond, IL.

Mae enjoyed camping, fishing, county music and bowling.

She leaves behind her sons Paul (Joann) Whobrey of the Villages, FL; Larry (Jane) Whobrey of Morton, IL; Fred (Rae-Lynne) Whobrey of Decatur; and Dan (Ruthann) Whobrey of Savoy; sisters Maxine Auton of Decatur; Marion (Roy) Fosnight of TN; Betty (Harold) Walker of Carlinville, IL; and Irma (Pete) Flanagan of TN; 16 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Paul Whobrey Sr. of Hammond; her parents, five brothers Jack Ryder, Don Ryder, Herb Ryder, Howard Ryder, Jim Ryder, and two sisters Alice (Ryder) Hill, and Lorraine Ryder.

The family wishes to thank the Hammond Caf   and Yeakley’s Grocery of Hammond for the many years of caring for Mae, and special thanks to the 3rd floor nurses and Nurse Sandy at Symphony of Decatur.

Services to celebrate Mae’s life will be 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at Moran & Goebel Funeral Home. There will be no visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Zion Cemetery in Boody, IL. Memorials may be directed to First Methodist Church of Hammond.

The family of Viola Mae Whobrey is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, IL. View the on line



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MR

Mike And Mary Kay Randall posted:

Dan and the entire Whobrey family; Mary Kay and I want to extend our deepest sympathy for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers during this time. While we have to say goodbye to our parents and loved ones they remain always in our thoughts and hearts. Mike and Mary Kay Randall

September 9 at 11:12 AM

PC

Peter Churukian posted:

So sorry to hear. I never met Mae, but judging how Paul turned out, she had to be a heck of a person.

September 9 at 10:38 AM

SN

Sandra Norwood posted:

Paul Jr., Larry, Fred, Danny and all of the grandchildren: You are in our thoughts and prayers! Auntie Mae will be missed by so many who loved her, you could always count on her to say what she was thinking, never had to guess what her opinion was, God Bless Her and each one of you. Auntie Mae was a classy lady who loved her family fiercely and she will never be forgotten. Her family in downsouth, Roy Jr, Alice, Sheila, Sandra

September 9 at 5:32 AM

LP

Linda Patton posted:

Another on our family tree that has gone to join the saints. She was a fine lady and I appreciated her kindnesses to my my family. I'm sorry for your loss. Linda Harper Patton, Hillsboro, IL Daughter of William J Harper

September 8 at 1:29 PM

SW

Sean Whobrey posted:

I used to stay at Grandma and Grandpa's house many times when I was a young kid. It was when I first started playing guitar. And I'd play with Grandpa and Grandma would watch us play. She was a funny, hard headed ole gal. God bless you, Grandma. God will take care of you now.

September 8 at 12:21 PM



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Larry Whobrey li posted:

I remember going to grandma and grandpa house and my brother Sean and I heading up that tricky staircase to play upstairs. I remember her super sweet ice tea and her quick wit in the days before political correctness. God bless ya grandma. Heaven just got allot more interesting with you there....

September 8 at 5:18 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Viola by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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