



Ruby H. Cook

March 12, 1924 - September 19, 2020

Ruby Helen Cook, 96, of Decatur, IL passed away on September 19, 2020 at her family residence.

Ruby was born March 12, 1924 to Cleveland C and Minerva J. Mershon Haws. Ruby married Harry M. Cook, Sr on September 20, 1942.

Ruby is survived by her husband of 78 years, Harry; her son Harry M. "Rocky" (Janice) Cook, Jr of Decatur; daughter Marylou Cook Hay of Plymouth, MN; daughter-in-law: Carmelita Cook; granddaughter Shelley Grotjan Jones (Shawn Shelby) of Decatur; grandsons: Trey (Julie) Cook of Cary, NC; Chad (Beth) Campbell of Decatur; Troy Shepherd of Decatur; Christopher Hay of Plymouth, MN; great grandsons: Jared & Matt Suzewits; Kaylee & Grace Campbell, and Elizabeth Cook; great-great-grandchildren: Amelia, Troy, & Priscilla Shepherd; sister-in-law Marilyn Haws and numerous nieces, nephews and dear friends. Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, brothers David, Junior, Benny and Jimmie Haws; sisters Zelda Neeley, Dorothy Harbour, Mary Thimens, Judy Arndt, and Jeannie Kay, and her son Thomas L. "Tommy" Cook.

Ruby was crowned May Queen of Centennial in 1939 and graduated from Decatur High School in 1942. She was president of Roach, Johns Hill and Eisenhower PTA's, president of Decatur City Council PTA, and president of Decatur Association of Educational Secretaries. She was a member of the Secretaries Association negotiating team multiple times.

She was awarded the Decatur Public Schools Outstanding Service Award in 1974 and named Secretary of the Year by Decatur Association of Educational Office Personnel in 1982.

She served as Macon County Chair of University of Illinois Mother's Organization and was a Brownie and Girl Scout leader. She was one of the original 14 members of the steering committee who worked to create the Macon County Fort Daniel Conservation Area. She

was a Democratic Party precinct committee member and a tour leader at Macon County Historical Society. She also volunteered for Polio Drive, Heart Fund, Muscular Dystrophy, United Way, and Fun Fair.

Private Family services for Ruby will be held at Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Ruby will be laid to rest in Graceland Cemetery in Decatur. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Macon County Historical Society or American Cancer Society. To view a live stream of the service, please copy and paste the following link into your web browser: <http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/37469>.

The family of Ruby Cook is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Please view her obituary, and share memories and condolences at <http://www.moranandgoebel.com>

Cemetery

Graceland Cemetery

2091 N. Oakland Ave.

Decatur, IL, 62526

Comments



“ My Condolences to the Haws-Cook family. While I never knew Ruby, she was a cousin to my Grandfather Arthur Haws (Son of Perry Haws) who moved from US to Canada. Ruby was the last living Haws child of her generation. I feel a bittersweet sadness that I will never be able to meet her or hear any of her stories of the older generations. Her obituary speaks to a life well-lived and well-loved.

Lisa Claire Diver (Haws) - May 12 at 06:24 PM



“ James & Vikki Glosser purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ruby H. Cook.



James & Vikki Glosser - September 24, 2020 at 08:19 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ruby H. Cook.



September 23, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Heaven gained a true angel in Ruby. As I recall many memories of Ruby, smiles cross my face. Rest In Peace Ruby. Dennis and Donna Blaase

Dennis Blaase - September 22, 2020 at 11:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruby H. Cook.



September 22, 2020 at 03:31 PM