



Thelma Banner

December 12, 1918 - July 27, 2010

Thelma Elaine (Yates) Banner, longtime co-owner of Banner's Grill of Kirksville, passed away Tuesday July 27, 2010 after a brief illness. She was born December 12, 1918 in Queen City, Missouri, the daughter of Albert and Bertha (Bergman) Yates. Mrs. Banner had resided in Greenville, Michigan since 1996, coming from Kirksville, Missouri, where she attended First Baptist Church of Greenville. In the early 1940s, Mrs. Banner took her first job outside the home when she began working at the International Shoe Factory in Kirksville. After selling Banner's Grill following the death of her husband, Thelma worked as a dietary manager at Laughlin Hospital and at Manor Care Nursing Home. Following her retirement as a dietary manager, she volunteered at the Kirksville Public Library. Mrs. Banner believed strongly in the importance of education and her influence is reflected in the educational achievements of her three sons. For leisure, she was an avid quilter for many years and enjoyed reading, cooking and caring for her family. Surviving her are three sons, Dr. Ralph (Kay) Banner of Florida, Dr. Jim (Cynthia) Banner of Michigan, and Dr. Sam (Barbara) Banner of Alabama; her grandchildren Heather (Banner) Kane of Indiana, John Banner of Florida, Matthew Banner of Texas, Dan Banner of Alabama, Rachel (Banner) Dabrowski of Nevada, Lee Banner of Texas, Sarah (Banner) Mattson of Michigan, Logan Banner of California, Megan Banner of Missouri, and Emily (Banner) Park of Michigan; and eight great-grandchildren, two nieces and 1 nephew. Mrs. Banner was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Mr. Ralph M. Banner; her brothers, Ross and Noel Yates; her sisters, Winifred and Wilma Yates; and one grandson, Mark Banner. Private graveside memorial services for Mrs. Banner will take place at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989)-539-7810.