



Alta Mae Mayes

April 8, 1934 - July 24, 2019

Alta M. Mayes, 85, a lifelong Ironton resident, passed away on July 24, 2019. Alta was born in Fredericktown on April 8, 1934, to Jon Lyman and Mary (nee Williams) Crowley. She lived her early years in rural Annapolis where she attended public schools, and then relocated to St. Louis for a brief time in her teen years. She then moved to Ironton where she worked at the local drug store. She married Jack F. Mayes on September 25, 1954, and the couple enjoyed over 63 years of marriage until his passing in early 2018.

Alta was a devoted housewife with a number of hobbies and interests. She was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, was a volunteer cook when the local senior citizens center first opened, and assisted with church bazaars. Every year she managed a large garden, enjoyed beekeeping, and maintained a well-landscaped yard full of beautiful flowers and plants. She was a tremendous cook and shared her baked goods with friends. Alta also worked a few summers at the local Methodist camp. She enjoyed going with friends to auctions and accumulated several antiques along the way. She also enjoyed crocheting and sewing, making lots of gifts for family and friends.

Alta was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, her parents, sister Evalee Cline, and brothers William Eugene (Bill) Crowley, William Jennings (Bud) Crowley, and Robert (Bob) Crowley.

Alta is survived by one son, John (Sheila), who lives in Buffalo, Missouri. She is also survived by sister-in-law Lola Crowley, Maryville, Illinois, and brother-in-law David Mayes and his wife, Joyce, of Ironton. She is also survived by two grandchildren, one great-grandchild, three nieces, one nephew, and other relatives.

Services will be held at Cole Family Funeral Home on Friday, August 2, 2019, with visitation from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. The funeral service will begin at 6:00 with Pastor Marty Blakey officiating. Internment will be at Arcadia Valley Memorial Park Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Iron County Historical Society.

Cemetery Details

Arcadia Valley Memorial Park

Russellville Road
Ironton, MO 63650

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Cole Family Funeral Home
210 E Reynolds St
Ironton, MO 63650
(573) 546-0742

Life Celebration

AUG 2. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Alta Mae Mayes*

August 31, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *John,*

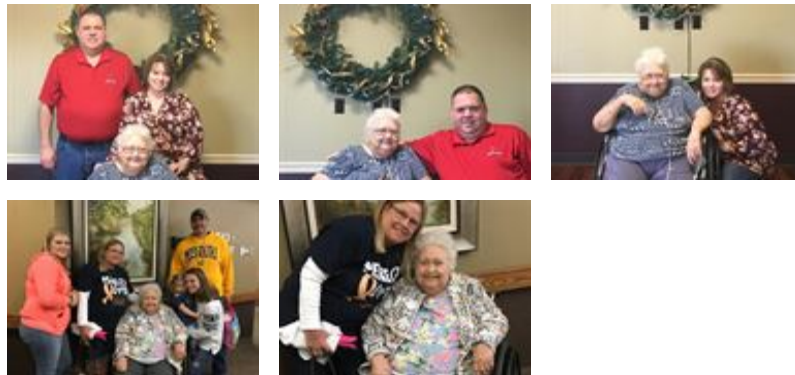
Deepest sympathy to you on the loss of your Mother. I have the fond memories of stopping by on North Shepherd Street in the late 60s and early 70s when I found my self more in Iron County than I do these days. Always a warm greeting, a cup of coffee and a little bit of history that we could talk about

/s/Norbert Shacklette.

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