



Mrs. Thelma Marie Ferguson

September 12, 1937 - May 8, 2025

Thelma Marie Ferguson, 87, passed on Thursday May 8, 2025 at Evercare of Jerseyville. Born September 12, 1937 in Alton, she was a daughter of Henry and Alma (Gueldener) Stanka. Throughout her youth, she worked for her parents at Stanka's Garage in North Alton. Sweeping the floors was the task she dreaded most and continued to mention it throughout her life. Thelma graduated from Alton Sr. High School in 1955. She was a member of the Alton Water Ski Club where she met her future husband. Thelma married Roy Dale Ferguson in Alton on June 7, 1957. They had 2 children, Micheal and David. Thelma was known as a hard worker with many skills. There wasn't anything she couldn't do. To supplement Roy's income at Illinois Bell; Roy, Thelma, and the boys built a few houses and renovated others to provide niceties, like snow skiing in Colorado. The pinnacle of "clean-um up, fix-um up and paint-um up" was purchasing the Laura Building in the late 70's, stabilizing the building's internal structure and reconfiguring space for antique shops. Thelma was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Godfrey. Roy and Thelma also owned and operated Alton Fence and Door 25+ years until their retirement in 2007 where they had wonderful staff including the famed logo man "Mr. Alton" (Micheal). After retirement they enjoyed live-a-board boating on inland waterways and a coastal trip where they boated past the Statue of Liberty. Later years were spent with seasonal residence in Florida and cruise ship voyages where they met many new friends. Husband Roy, son Micheal, and sister Dorthy Nelson have preceded Thelma

in death. Surviving is son David of Bayfield, CO and three grandchildren: Michael & Dawn's son, Zachary and David & Lynn's sons, Jimmy and Jack. Graveside services will be at 10:00 am, Monday, July 14, 2025 at Valhalla Memorial Park, Godfrey, IL.

Thanks to all who supported the family along life's way. A Special Thank You to Mary Crowson for her friendship and loving care of Thelma over many years.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Gent Funeral Home in Alton oversees arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

MA

“ Just found out about Thelma’s passing today. We loved Roy and Thelma. Spent a lot of time with them. Over 10 years 2 World Cruises. About 365 days on ships and travel adventures. We certainly enjoyed. May she and Roy rest in Peace. They were still in love after all those years. Rich and Madaleen Shoaf

Madaleen - August 10, 2025 at 02:18 PM

MC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Thelma's passing. Thelma and Roy were the best neighbors we ever had! We enjoyed boating, walking the beach picking up beautiful shells and Thelma knowing what kind they were. We enjoyed dinners and playing cards, We enjoyed our visit with Thelma in Illinois, driving her around the area with her pointing out various places that she and Roy built. I spoke to her many times and kept her updated with pictures of our son Keith whom she always inquired about. I also thank her friend Mary for keeping me updated on Thelma, she was a great friend for Thelma to have. I speak of Thelma and Roy very often, miss them both, and we have many enjoyable, memories of them. God bless them, they're together again.

Mary, George & Keith Coponi
Punta Gorda Isles, Fl.

Mary Coponi - May 13, 2025 at 06:33 PM

JR

“ Started 1st grade together and became life long friends. Spent time with she and Roy in Florida. Didn't see her often in later years but when we did get together the times became memorable. A great friend!

Janice Barkley Rennie - May 13, 2025 at 02:09 PM