



Wanda Marie (Thomas) Parks

December 22, 1928 - January 28, 2022

Wanda Marie (Thomas) Parks was born December 22, 1928 in Cincinnati, Iowa to Leonard L. and Flossie Marie (Walker) Thomas and departed this life January 28, 2022 in Salem, Missouri at the age of ninety-three years.

Wanda grew up on “Monkey Ridge” in Centerville, Iowa. She was a dedicated homemaker and took great pride in raising her four children: Debra, Nyoka, John, and Luke. Wanda was a loving caregiver for her parents and several siblings throughout the years. Her family was most important to her and she treasured the time she spent with them. Wanda thought the world of her grandchildren, adored her great-grandchildren, and treasured her great-great-grandchildren.

Wanda was a woman of faith; she grew up Pentecostal and enjoyed attending church. Wanda loved music, played in several jam sessions along with her brother, and wrote a few songs. She was talented not only with a beautiful voice, but the ability to play several instruments to include the piano, guitar, and banjo.

Wanda is survived by her loving children: Nyoka Parks of Iowa, Debra Eckstein of Iowa, John “Smokey” Parks and wife Rhonda of Salem, MO, and Luke Parks and Tabitha Cottrell of Iowa; eleven grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces,

nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding her in death, parents: Leonard and Flossie Thomas; seven siblings; son-in-law: Joseph Eckstein III; grandson: Nicholas; and great-grandson: Brandon.

Jo Ann was a sweet and wonderful lady full of love and kindness. She will be forever missed but never forgotten.

Wanda will be forever missed by all who knew and loved her.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be entered at wilsonmortuary.com

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