



Leila J. Ulmer

July 22, 1927 - July 17, 2025

Leila Ulmer, age 97, died peacefully at her home in Pocahontas, Illinois, on Thursday, July 17, 2025.

Leila was born on Friday, July 22, 1927, the daughter of John and Frieda (nee Iberg) Hunziker. She was born at home in Deck's Prairie southwest of Grantfork, Illinois. She attended Deck's Prairie country school through eighth grade and graduated from Highland High School in Highland, Illinois. At the age of 14, Leila began working at a bank in Marine, Illinois. On February 22, 1951, she married Robert L. Ulmer, and they lived just outside of Pocahontas. After their divorce and while raising her four children, Leila worked as a secretary at Highland Supply. She then worked at the 1st National Bank in Greenville, Illinois, for 27 years before she retired in 2000 at the age of 72.

Leila was a member of the United Methodist Church in Pocahontas and a member of a Bowling Team in Greenville. She enjoyed playing with her grandchildren, crocheting, reading, exercising, watching old western TV shows, and doing crossword puzzles. In her younger days, she loved gardening, fishing at local ponds, and mushroom hunting.

Leila is survived by her four children, six grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren:

Daughter - Lynn Marie Ulmer, Greenville, IL

Daughter - Linda Lee (Randy) Hinch, Mulberry Grove, IL
Son - Rande John Ulmer, Spring Creek, NV
Daughter - Susan Kay Ulmer, Pocahontas, IL
Granddaughter - Natalie Jane Parr, Pocahontas, IL
Granddaughter - Wendy Lynn Zeeb, Greenville, IL
Granddaughter - Whitney Marie Plunkett, Winston-Salem, IL
Granddaughter - Lisa Suzanne Poubelle, Burke, VA
Grandson - Philip Riley Hinch, Mulberry Grove, IL
Granddaughter - Haley Jane Brewer, Winston-Salem, NC
Great Grandchildren – 10 (2 in Greenville, IL; 2 in Mulberry Grove, IL; 3 in Winston-Salem, NC; and 3 in Burke, VA)

She was preceded in death by:

Father - John Arnold Hunziker, died 1/4/1957
Mother - Frieda Hunziker (nee Iberg), died 12/17/1978
Sister - Ellen F. Hunziker, died 3/2/1963
Sister - Marjorie M. Turner, died 6/6/1981
Brother – Harvey J. Hunziker, died 3/28/2001
Brother - Floyd H. (Carol) Hunziker, died 2/25/2010
Grandson - Michael James Parr, died 7/27/2023

Visitation and funeral arrangements will be held at the Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland on Tuesday, July 22, 2025:

Visitation: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Funeral Service: 11:00 AM, with Chaplain Samantha Paulin, Bond County Hospice, officiating.

Interment will be directly after the funeral service at Highland City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bond County Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **22**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ami , Mark and Sofia Poubelle purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Leila J. Ulmer.*



Ami , Mark and Sofia Poubelle - July 22, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ *Ami , Mark and Sofia Poubelle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leila J. Ulmer.*

Ami , Mark and Sofia Poubelle - July 22, 2025 at 01:58 PM

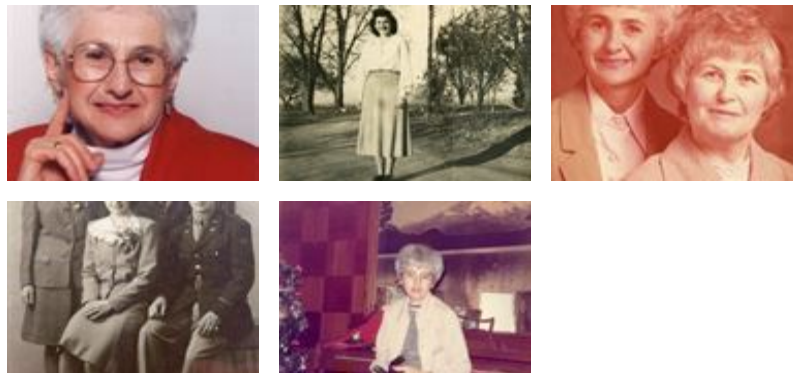


“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leila J. Ulmer.*

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“ *50 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - July 21, 2025 at 01:53 PM

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“ Rick & Linda Mann purchased the Simply Elegant *Spathiphyllum* for the family of Leila J. Ulmer.



Rick & Linda Mann - July 19, 2025 at 04:46 PM

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“ Growing up, to me, my Aunt Leila was dad’s glamorous sister whom we rarely had opportunity to visit. I remember one year when the whole family gathered in Collinsville at Aunt Margie’s house for Thanksgiving, she was there in the kitchen, helping cook, laughing with her sisters and my mom, and chasing all us kids out from underfoot. She was beautiful to me, well dressed, quiet spoken, with dark hair and eyes. I moved away when I was young, but sporadically kept in touch with my relatives through letters, and annual Christmas cards and photos. As I grew older and realized I didn’t know much about how she and my dad had grown up, she answered my questions via letters I am keeping for future generations, who are so far away in occupation from farming the land and working in a dairy thexway Aunt Leila and my dad did growing up. Her memories of working on the farm along with her siblings are a treasure that she shared with me. I’ll always be grateful.

pam Garrison - July 19, 2025 at 03:14 PM



“ *In Memory - Angel Figurine, 8.25 in was purchased for the family of Leila J. Ulmer.*



July 19, 2025 at 02:21 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Leila J. Ulmer.*



July 18, 2025 at 04:22 PM