



Jorja Mae Ruth Selby

April 28, 1935 - March 3, 2020

Jorja Selby passed away one month short of her 85th birthday at Franciscan Health AlternaCare in Rensselaer, IN from complications related to pancreatic cancer.

Jorja Mae Ruth Spicer was born in Jacksboro, TN to the late Pearl (Gross) Nicoson and William Spicer, who both preceded her in death. She moved as a child with her family to Fair Oaks, IN to join other family members working on the Fair Oaks Farms. Jorja graduated from Fair Oaks High School.

Jorja is survived by her children, Jean Brunton of Kissimmee, FL, Alan Brunton (Robin) of Fortville, IN, and Steve Brunton (Pam) of Evanston, IL; grandchildren Jerry Brunton II, Jillian Shotsberger, Sarah Hooten, Joey Shotsberger, Adam Brunton, Andrea Brunton and Penelope Brunton; great-grandchildren Brynn Brunton, Norah Brunton, Gunner Hooten, Remington Hooten, Maren Brunton, and Emmeline Shotsberger. She is survived by her husband Marvin Selby of Rensselaer, IN and sister Louise Rector of Fair Oaks, IN. She is also survived by numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Jorja was preceded in death by her parents, brother Roy Spicer, and second husband William Daniels.

Jorja was well-known for quilting. She hand-made over 300 quilts during her life, including many quilts donated to charities and churches as top raffle prizes, and quilts donated to wounded soldiers overseas. Some could identify her quilts by the unique stitching, which were always done by hand rather than by machine.

Her generosity led her to host many dinners where proceeds went to charity, and to make financial and other contributions to people facing hardships. She was also the first Activities Director at the Rensselaer Care Center.

Jorja is remembered by many, as the owner of the Homestead Inn restaurant in Rensselaer, a popular spot for weekday lunches and Sunday dinners in the seventies. She also owned Our Place Ladies Tea Room in Rensselaer. She was the first to open and manage the Puma's Den at St. Joseph's College. She also spent many years catering.

Jorja will be interred at Memory Gardens in Rensselaer. A visitation will be held on Friday, March 6th from 10:00am-12:00pm followed by a funeral service at noon at Jackson Funeral Chapel in Rensselaer. The service will be officiated by Rev. Lisa Ulrich.

Memorials may be made to the Living Stone Church of the Nazarene in Rensselaer, IN.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5125
info@jacksonfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
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Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Jorja Mae Ruth Selby*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - March 05, 2020 at 04:13 PM

SS

So beautiful

Sandra Gross Sell - March 07, 2020 at 01:22 PM

DT

“ *So sorry to hear this, we went to school at Fair Oaks , Jorja was 3 years older ,so I was a fan of her, at recess , she would teach us girls dance line and sing an old song called, "Candy Kisses wrapped in Paper". She was 6 grade I was 4th grader.. always a nice Friend to remember..Doris Nelson Stalbaum..*



Doris Stalbaum Stalbaum Thorne - April 07, 2020 at 01:58 PM

JF

“ *James Cox Family lit a candle in memory of Jorja Mae Ruth Selby*



James Cox Family - March 15, 2020 at 09:25 PM

GP

“ Marvin ,
So sorry to hear of Jorja's death. All our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.
George and Bernice Post

George and Bernice Post - March 06, 2020 at 10:01 AM

AL

“ To Steve Brunton and family: the CEDA Staff and Board of Directors send our deepest condolences to your family for your loss. We are thinking of you and sending you our prayers in this difficult time.



Andrea Lewis on behalf of the CEDA Board of Directors and Staff

Andrea Lewis - March 06, 2020 at 09:44 AM

MB

“ Myles Beeching lit a candle in memory of Jorja Mae Ruth Selby



Myles Beeching - March 06, 2020 at 08:02 AM

PB

“ Jorja was kind, sweet, caring, generous and compassionate. The best ever mother-in-law. We are blessed to have had you in our lives. Forever in our hearts. RIP darling Jorja.

Pam Brunton - March 05, 2020 at 10:34 PM



“ 71 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - March 05, 2020 at 04:08 PM

JL

“ *Jorja was such a lovely lady, always friendly and smiling. Deepest sympathy to her family & friends. May she rest in peace, Jim & Dorothy Lefler*



Jim & Dorothy Lefler - March 05, 2020 at 10:59 AM

JG

“ *To a dear friend who will be missed. Our sympathy to Marvin and family.*

Judy & Ron Geleott

Judy & Ron Geleott - March 05, 2020 at 08:35 AM

HH

“ Hazel Hoover lit a candle in memory of Jorja Mae Ruth Selby



Hazel Hoover - March 05, 2020 at 08:10 AM

GW

“ Glen And Linda Wood lit a candle in memory of Jorja Mae Ruth Selby



Glen and Linda Wood - March 05, 2020 at 08:06 AM

ML

“ Marilyn Lowry lit a candle in memory of Jorja Mae Ruth Selby



Marilyn Lowry - March 04, 2020 at 11:53 PM

JF

“ Johnny, Carol and the Daniels and Davis Family. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Jorja Mae Ruth Selby.



Johnny, Carol and the Daniels and Davis Family. - March 04, 2020 at 09:22 PM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Jorja Mae Ruth Selby*



Judy Burvan - March 04, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jorja Mae Ruth Selby.*



March 04, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Jorja Mae Ruth Selby.*



March 04, 2020 at 06:19 PM