



Thelma L. Melby

March 12, 1921 - April 14, 2013

Thelma L. Melby, age 92, of Richland Center died Sunday, April 14, 2013 at Pine Valley Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center. She was born March 12, 1921 in rural Boaz, WI, the daughter of Clarence & Louella (Busby) Shannon. Thelma married Grant Melby on February 16, 1938 and later married Ralph Drake on May 4, 2005. Thelma enjoyed for many years working in the Richland Center School District baking for the children and driving school bus.

Survivors include her six children, Sonja Palmer of Mesa, AZ, Kerry (Sheila) Melby of Richland Center, John (Edwina) Melby of Muscoda, Sharon (Terry) Tanner of Muscoda, Sondra (Nick) Enos of Prescott, AZ, Michael (Linda) Melby of Tucson, AZ, 17 grandchildren, several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; a sister Leona Scott of Beloit, WI, many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands Grant Melby and Ralph Drake, 2 grandchildren Michael Melby and Mitchell Miller, a brother George Shannon, 2 infant brothers and an infant sister.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center with Pastor Craig Peach officiating. Burial will be held in the Basswood Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 9:00 AM until the time of services. On line

condolences can be made at www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

HA

“ *Thelma Melby family, So sorry about the passing of your Mom. My deepest symphay, from my brother's Fred and Sam Anderson and myself and our families. It is never a easy time to tell a loved one goodbye.*

Sonja if time permits I would love to get to see you or at least chat a few minutes on the phone about old time sakes. My phone number is 608-647-8416.

The weather is suppose to be nice tomorrow and the next few days so enjoy the beautiful Wisconsin weather.

Hazel

Hazel Anderson Beighley - Lone Rock, WI - Neighbor, a long time ago. - April 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Dear John, Family, & other sibling's, I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was a dear lady. Please accept my sympathy.*

Marge Wallace

Marge Wallace - April 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ *Hi Sonja, Kerry, Johnny, Sharon and all. I'm sorry, but unfortunately I really don't know the others. I just want to say how sorry I am for your loss. I loved Aunt Thelma also, she treated me just like a son when I used to come and stay with you during the summers before we move to Colorado. Those were some of the best times of my early life. Aunt Thelma was a very wonderful person and I am very grateful and blessed for just being a small part of her life. Again, sorry for your loss and God Bless all of you. Chuck & Patty Shannon*

Chuck Shannon - Canon City, CO - Nephew - April 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Sorry for your loss of your mother. I will think about you although I cannot be with you since it is my dad's funeral day too. Love and prayers to you.
Lisa Farness

Lisa Farness - Muscoda, WI - April 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *The Melby Family,*

Sending warm sympathy in the loss of your Dear Mother. Enjoyed seeing the family pictures and the good memories you can share , Trust you will be comforted in the love of family and friends at this time and in the future

*Sincerely.
Charleen*

Charleen Studnicka - Blue River, WI - friend - April 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Thelma's family. She will be remembered for always in memories made.*

Robin Daughenbaugh - Richland Center, WI - April 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Thinking of you, and remembering all the time spent on Chicken Ridge at your place..thanks for great memories...Deepest sympathy to all the family*

Julie Bethke - Richland Center, WI - friend - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM