

## Obituary



**Born:** Thursday, September 20, 1923

**Died:** Sunday, July 11, 2021

Juanita Fern Clem, age 97, of Pittsfield, IL passed away on Sunday, July 11, 2021 at Liberty Village in Pittsfield, IL. She was born on September 20, 1923 at the family home in Macon County, MO to Benjamin and Erma Massey Cook. She married Paul L. Clem in LaPlata, MO on August 2, 1941 and he preceded her in death on December 23, 1981.

She graduated with the Class of 1941 from Macon High School in Macon, MO. She and Paul built their house by themselves in Macon, MO buying lumber when they could afford it; they spent many nights working late into the evening until they finished their home. She was employed by the Strauss Department Store, she was very good at her job and made many friends there until her retirement. After her husband passed, she spent time crocheting and quilting. Juanita was an extraordinary and independent woman who will be dearly missed.

## Service Summary

### Private Services

Location: - *Not available* -

Juanita is survived by her son, Paul (Elaine) Clem of St. Charles, MO; two grandchildren, Brian Hutsell of St. Louis, MO and Dawn Pruitt of St. Charles, MO; three great grandchildren, Tiffany Hutsell, Emma Pruitt and Ava Pruitt; and special nephew, LeRoy Proper.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin and Erma Cook; husband, Paul L. Clem; two sisters, Dorothy Rockwell and Marie Proper; brother, Harlan Cook; and nephew, Ronald Rockwell.

Interment will be held privately at LaPlata Cemetery and cremation rites have been accorded. Online condolences may be left to the family at [www.nieburfh.com](http://www.nieburfh.com). Niebur Funeral Home in Pittsfield is handling the arrangements.