



Thelma Mench Bigelow

September 25, 1921 - September 30, 2014

Thelma Mench Bigelow of Chestertown, MD, died on Tuesday, September 30, 2014, at her son's home. She was 93.

Born on September 25, 1921, in Rock Hall, MD, she was the daughter of the late Harry D. and Mary V. Coleman Mench. Mrs. Bigelow was a 1938 graduate of Rock Hall High School and attended Washington College. She married James "Jim" Bigelow in 1941.

Mrs. Bigelow raised her family on the family's farm. She actively volunteered with the Maryland Farm Bureau, where she adorned the front page of the magazine for mother of the year. Mrs. Bigelow loved traveling, farming, and raising her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed gardening and her flowers. Mrs. Bigelow was a member of the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital Auxiliary, chairperson for the women's committee of the Maryland Farm Bureau, and secretary for the Kent Ruritan Club. She was also a past 4-H leader, and a past Sunday school teacher at the Salem United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Bigelow; two great grandchildren, Tony Fleming and Vicky Fleming; and three sisters, Phyllis Elburn, Betty C. Bigelow, and Joyce Gardern.

She is survived by two sons, Lee Bigelow and wife Diane of Chestertown, and James A. Bigelow, Jr., and wife Louise of South Carolina; a daughter, Judith Lynn Ward and husband Jimmy of Camden, DE; a sister, Mary Ann Spencer and husband Jack of Havre De Grace, MD; six grandchildren, Jessica Bigelow Miller, James A. Bigelow, III, Lee Bigelow, Jr., Michael Ann Ward Nuttall, Shelly Bigelow Fleming, and James Ward, Jr.; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown, MD, where relatives and friends may call on Friday, October 3, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Interment will be in St. Paul's Cemetery following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Queen Anne's, Inc., 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Cemetery Details

St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)

7600 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-0055
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma Mench Bigelow*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Thelma Mench Bigelow*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Thelma Mench Bigelow*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *To the family, Enjoyed many good times with Thelma. She was a lovely lady. May she rest in peace.*
Donna Schmidt
Former program planner Amy Lynn Ferris Adult Activity Cntr.

Donna Schmidt - October 11, 2014 at 07:48 PM



“ *ROBBIE-ROBIN JOINER lit a candle in memory of Thelma Mench Bigelow*



ROBBIE-ROBIN JOINER - October 06, 2014 at 09:33 AM

MB

“ I will always cherish the times that Mom mom and I would drive down to the semetery and clean up around Pop's headstone and put flowers on it. We had many great talks and laughs doing that time together. You will be greatly missed. Love always.

Melissa Bigelow - October 05, 2014 at 09:54 AM

CM

“ To the family of Thelma,
We are deeply sorry to hear about your loss. Our prayers are with you all.

Neal & Carolyn Metzbower

carolyn metzbower - October 03, 2014 at 08:29 AM

CM

“ Carolyn Metzbower lit a candle in memory of
Thelma Mench Bigelow



carolyn metzbower - October 03, 2014 at 08:24 AM

MK

“ Marion Kellas lit a candle in memory of
Thelma Mench Bigelow



Marion Kellas - October 03, 2014 at 08:01 AM

MK

Jimmy and Louise and families so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.

Marion Kellas - October 03, 2014 at 08:03 AM

MK

“*Dear Family, The Cohey family has many fond memories of Ms Thelma with all the fairs, meetings, conventions through Farm Bureau and as farmers. She was so much fun to be around and had a strong love for her family. Her smile was something I always remember. Thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time.*
Margaret Cohey Kaufman

Margaret Cohey Kaufman - October 03, 2014 at 07:46 AM

DL

“*You Guys are in my prayers, Mrs. Thelma was a wonderful lady, I always enjoyed talking to her, you guys are truly blessed to have such a wonderful person in your life. May God be with you all.*



Dottie & Richard LaPlaca - October 02, 2014 at 08:54 PM

SN

“*Sue & Joe Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Thelma Mench Bigelow*



Sue & Joe Nickerson - October 02, 2014 at 07:51 PM

VF

“ Vickie, Danny & Family lit a candle in memory of Thelma Mench Bigelow



Vickie, Danny & Family - October 02, 2014 at 12:20 PM

AC

“ Angel Clark lit a candle in memory of Thelma Mench Bigelow



Angel Clark - October 02, 2014 at 11:39 AM

DO

“ Dennis And Doris Olsen lit a candle in memory of Thelma Mench Bigelow



Dennis and Doris Olsen - October 02, 2014 at 11:01 AM

SD

“ Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski lit a candle in memory of Thelma Mench Bigelow



Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski - October 02, 2014 at 09:14 AM

DW

“ To the Bigelow family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I always enjoyed listening to the stories Thelma would tell about her farm bureau adventures. David Willoughby

David Willoughby - October 02, 2014 at 08:16 AM

SE

“ Jimmy, Louise and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.
Spencer and Barbara Everett



Spencer & Barbara Everett - October 02, 2014 at 07:01 AM

LM

“ Lee And Susan McGinnis lit a candle in memory of Thelma Mench Bigelow



Lee and Susan McGinnis - October 02, 2014 at 06:28 AM

MW

“ Dear Lee & Diane: I am so sorry for your loss. Sending my condolences and prayers to you and your family.
Marti Wright

marti wright - October 01, 2014 at 09:12 PM

BB

“ *Bremda Biddle lit a candle in memory of Thelma Mench Bigelow*



Bremda Biddle - October 01, 2014 at 08:33 PM

BB

My dear sweet friend may you RIP We had so much fun bowling for many years. you will be missed on earth but will always live in out hearts

Bremda Biddle - October 01, 2014 at 08:36 PM

JB

“ *Joyce & Wayne Bradley lit a candle in memory of Thelma Mench Bigelow*



Joyce & Wayne Bradley - October 01, 2014 at 08:06 PM

JO

*To the Bigelow Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. She was a very special lady and will be missed.
Joyce and Wayne*

Joyce - October 01, 2014 at 08:07 PM

SR

“ *I loved spending time with her at my great grandparents farm. She was my Mommom Mae Puppe's best friend and was always very good to all of us. I am so sorry for your loss. Heaven has definitely gained an angel!*

Samantha Reed - October 01, 2014 at 06:58 PM

GC

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma Mench Bigelow



Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - October 01, 2014 at 05:51 PM

GC

To the Bigelow Family: Blessings and prayers are with your family at this time. Had many good memories of Ms. Thelma during our bowling years. The memories you have of her will always remain in your hearts. God Bless your family, Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - October 01, 2014 at 05:53 PM

PC

“ Peggy And George Comegys lit a candle in memory of Thelma Mench Bigelow



Peggy and George Comegys - October 01, 2014 at 05:15 PM

PC

To the Bigelow family, we are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Peggy and George Comegys - October 01, 2014 at 05:17 PM

TK

“ *To the Bigelow Family,
I'm sorry to hear of your loss, Thelma was always kind and generous to me when she came to the Maryland Farm Bureau office for the FBW committee meetings.*

Tonya Matthews Kennedy

Tonya Kennedy - October 01, 2014 at 02:36 PM

FD

“ *Frankie And Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma Mench Bigelow*



Frankie and Jane Dill - October 01, 2014 at 01:50 PM

KY

“ *To the Bigelow Family,*

I have very fond memories of Mrs. Thelma and will always treasure them along with the long talks her and I had. She was one great lady and she will be greatly missed. Loved her as much as my own grand mother.

*Love,
Kelley Elliott*



Kelley Elliott Yiannakis - October 01, 2014 at 01:28 PM

DN

“ *Diana Nichols lit a candle in memory of
Thelma Mench Bigelow*



Diana Nichols - October 01, 2014 at 01:10 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Middleton Beaver lit a candle in
memory of Thelma Mench Bigelow*



Brenda Middleton Beaver - October 01, 2014 at 12:43 PM

TJ

“ *Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in
memory of Thelma Mench Bigelow*



Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - October 01, 2014 at 11:29 AM

TJ

So sorry to hear of your loss. She was one great lady!!!

Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - October 01, 2014 at 11:33 AM

KB

“ Karen Bigelow lit a candle in memory of
Thelma Mench Bigelow



Karen Bigelow - October 01, 2014 at 11:17 AM

KB

Jimmy, Lee and Judy I am so sorry to learn of Aunt Thelma's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this difficult time. I have a lot of fond memories of the good times we had on the farm.

Karen Bigelow - October 01, 2014 at 11:45 AM

PS

“ Dear Jimmy, Lee, Judy and families: We are
so sorry to hear of your loss. Fairlee has lost
another of its grand ladies.



Lawson and Pat Vickers Smith

Pat Smith - October 01, 2014 at 10:51 AM

KC

“ Kathy Crew-Hospice lit a candle in memory of
Thelma Mench Bigelow



Kathy Crew-Hospice - October 01, 2014 at 10:06 AM

KC

Diane My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow. Mrs Bigelow was a wonderful lady and it was a pleasure getting to know her and to care for her. God received another very special angel.

Kathy Crew-Hospice - October 01, 2014 at 10:10 AM