



# **Thelma Ethel Behen**

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**T**helma Ethel Behen, 86, died peacefully on May 15th in Decatur Illinois.

Thelma was born on July 11, 1930 in Decatur, Illinois to John and Althea (Peck) Tooley. She married Robert Behen and the couple had two children.

Thelma enjoyed her life as a loving mother and wife. She had said many times, "I have been blessed with a good life". She was a good Christian woman, loved the church and prayed for others daily. Thelma was a woman who was not afraid to speak her mind and cared deeply about others.

Thelma is survived by her son Steven Behen and grandchildren Dillon and Zoe. She is also survived by her brother Ed Tooley, sister Dana Deadmond and grandchildren Alyssa Crull and Breanna Ramsey.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Carlyle Behen, Sister Betty Carter and daughter Theresa Behen (Sidman).

Services to celebrate Thelma's life will be 2:00 PM Thursday, May 18, 2017 in Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 PM prior to the services at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Graceland Cemetery.

The family of Thelma Ethel Behen is being served by the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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**Mary Lambrick Evans** posted:

Dear Behen Family, Truly sorry for your loss. Steve, my thoughts have been with you since the moment I heard about the passing of your mom. Be strong. Your mother will always be with you. Maybe not in a traditional way but in your spirit, your way of life, and always in your heart! Loss like you are experiencing is long and tough going. Please know some people are there for you. They will listen, support, and help you with the grief. Having been through the loss of a parent, I've lived it. Not always on track or right minded but I am alive today. I am lucky. Steve, you are too. Maybe a bit undone at the moment, but alive to carry on your mom's legacy. Be proud of that. She sounds like quite a wonderful human being. Stay strong, believe, and live! Thoughts and positive vibes are heading your way. See you soon. Mary

May 18 at 9:01 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thelma by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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