



Grace Burge

October 8, 1927 - October 8, 2011

Grace Elizabeth Burge, 84, of Hoopeston, died at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home.

She was born on Dec. 1, 1926, in Iron Mountain, Mich., a daughter of Herschel Thomas Freeman and Mary (Bryson) Freeman. She married Hale F. Burge on Feb. 8, 1947, in Watseka. He survives in Hoopeston.

She is also survived by three sons, Randy (Sue) Burge of Sherman, Russell (Elaine) Burge of Hoopeston and Doug (JoAnn) Burge of Bismarck; a brother, Donald Freeman of Watseka; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters, two brothers and one son, Alan Burge.

Grace worked at Scranton's, Joan of Arc Canning Co., Goss' Bakery and later enjoyed being at home taking care of her family. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Hoopeston. She did charitable work at the Hoopeston Hospital Auxiliary Snack Shop for several years.

She enjoyed crocheting, traveling with her husband while he was in the U.S. Air Force and making many new friends. Grace's greatest enjoyment was her family, spending time with each and every one of them. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011, at Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston with the Pastor Adam Taubert officiating. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston. Visitation: 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, 423 E. Main St., Hoopeston.