



Emma Eckersley Leak

February 23, 1923 - May 12, 2015

Emma Mae (Jones) Eckersley Leak, 92, of Hoopeston, IL, passed away at 1:40 A.M. Tuesday May 12, 2015 at Heritage Health Therapy & Senior Living in Hoopeston. She was born February 23, 1923, in Hoopeston, IL, the daughter of Morris Jones and Vivian Ruth (Hall) Jones Morris. She married Clair M. Eckersley on July 7, 1946. He preceded her in death on December 1, 1975. Together they had one son, Michael Jay (Sandy) Eckersley and one daughter, Nancy Ruth (Rich) Stipp. They survive in Hoopeston, IL. She is also survived by 4 grandchildren, Angela (Kirk) Kunkle, Michelle (Robert "Bob") Parzy, Lisa (Luke) Burge and Cory (Vanessa) Stipp; 8 great-grandchildren; one sister, Adeline Weston of Williamsport, IN; one brother, Ed (Phyllis) Jones of Hoopeston, IL; 4 sisters-in-law, Phyllis Jones, Marie Jones, Naomi Jones and Betty Boehme; one special niece, Cheryl Ann (Vaughn) Brown of Kansas City, MO and several other nieces and nephews; special grandchildren, Matt Duncan and David Duncan and 4 step-grandchildren.

On June 23, 1984, she married Donald Leak. He preceded her in death on December 7, 1997. Surviving are step-children, Diana Gerdler, Tom Leak, Barbara Redman and William Leak; one step-son-in-law, Rex Musselman and several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. Emma is also survived by all of her friends and bridge friends.

She was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Mary Ann Sinclair and Patsy Jones; 4 brothers, Chuck, George, Morris and Bob and one step-daughter, Christine Musselman.

Emma graduated from Potomac High School in 1942 and went on to St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing, where she graduated in 1945 as a registered nurse. She began working as a private duty nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital and later worked for Dr. Strzembosy for 28 years. After working as a registered nurse for 43 years, she retired, but enjoyed volunteering at the Well Baby Clinic. Emma was a member of the Prairie Green Church of Christ for many years. She was very proud of the Citizen of the Year Award that she received in 1994. She enjoyed playing bridge and was a member of the bridge club as well as the book club. Emma always loved working in her flower garden and especially enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Visitation will be held 4:00-7:00 P.M. Friday May 15, 2015 at Anderson Funeral Home 427 E. Main St Hoopeston, IL. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday May 16, 2015 at Anderson Funeral Home, with Pastor Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will follow at

the Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston.

Memorials can be made to Prairie Green Church of Christ 278 N. 2800 E. Rd Hoopeston, IL 60942 or Autumn Fields 325 E. Orange St Hoopeston, IL 60942.