

Minnie Byers Catron Crothers

February 8, 1923 ~ June 18, 2014 (age 91)



Minnie Byers Catron Crothers, 91, of Hoopeston, passed away at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at Heritage Health in Hoopeston.

Minnie was born on February 8, 1923, in Albany, Kentucky, the daughter of Brownlow and Mae (Looper) Byers. She married Gilbert Catron on April 27, 1943, in Cleveland, Ohio. He preceded her in death on July 29, 1981. She later married Albert Crothers on June 15, 1985, in Hoopeston. He preceded her in death on January 2, 1998.

She is survived by two sons- David (Patricia) Catron of Johns Creek, Georgia and Dennis Catron of Sumner, Illinois; four grandchildren- Kenneth Catron of Las Vegas, Nevada, Kevin Catron of Alpharetta, Georgia, Keith Catron of Hoopeston and Amy McCarty of San Antonio, Texas; nine great-grandchildren; five sisters- Lola (Charles) Fields of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, Marie Urich of Hoopeston, Ivena Reynolds of Smyrna, Tennessee, Bineta Grogan of Hoopeston and Ruby (Richard) Birkey of Hoopeston; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, brother- Bill Byers and a half-brother- Lee Byers.

In her younger years, Minnie worked on the farm in the Prairie Green area. She later worked at Radio Condenser and seasonally at area canning companies. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Hoopeston and the Order of Eastern Star. Minnie enjoyed sewing, quilting and going to McDonalds. She also loved to play religious and country music on her piano. While living in Texas, she was elected Queen at the Mission Nursing Home.

A Celebration of Minnie's Life will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21, 2014, at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Andy Maxwell officiating. Visitation will be from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will follow the service in Floral Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church. The family has requested that casual attire be worn to the services. The family has entrusted the Brown-Alkire Funeral Chapel to assist them in honoring Minnie's life. Memories or photos may be shared with the family on her memorial page at: www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.