



## Bernice M. Bircher

June 17, 1921 - February 12, 2010

Bernice M. (nee Riegel) Bircher, age 88, of Highland, IL., died Friday, February 12, 2010, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

She was born June 17, 1921, in Highland, IL., the daughter of Robert and Ida (nee Raeber) Riegel.

On February 14, 1942, she married Milton L. "Pete" Bircher, who passed away October 15, 2001.

She was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ-Highland, IL.

Mrs. Bircher was born in Highland, IL and grew up on a farm. After her marriage, she helped on the farm. She enjoyed sewing, cooking, baking and helping neighbors and friends.

Survivors include Son-Robert L. (Janet) Bircher of Highland, Ill., Son-Raymond M. Bircher of Highland, Ill., Daughter-Jean M. "Jeanne" (Darrell) Dankenbring of Edwardsville, Ill., Grandchildren-Brett R. (Lisa) Bircher of Maryville, Ill., Todd R. (Nikki) Bircher of Maplewood, Mo., Chad R. (Denise) Rapien of Pocahontas, Ill., Great-Grandchildren-Ryan R. Rapien of Pocahontas, Ill., Brent A. Rapien of Pocahontas, Ill., Megan M. Rapien of Pocahontas, Ill., Jack M. Bircher of Maryville, Ill., Cole R. Bircher of Maplewood, Mo., Caleb R. Bircher of Maplewood, Mo., Step-Grandchildren-Douglas A. Dankenbring of Bethalto, Ill., Betsy E. Dankenbring of St. Louis, Mo., Melissa K. Dankenbring of O'Fallon, Mo., Step Great Grandchildren-Keegan A. Dankenbring of St. Louis, Mo., Dannielle A. Dankenbring of Bethalto, Ill., Annaliese J. Dankenbring of Bethalto, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her Father-Robert Riegel, Mother-Ida (nee Raeber) Riegel, Husband-Milton L. "Pete" Bircher (died 10/15/2001), Brother-Lester Riegel, Brother-Howard Riegel (died 03/09/1977) and Sister-Edna Kapp (03/15/1991).