



Bernice M. Keilbach

July 26, 1917 - August 17, 2008

Bernice Marie (Deutsch) Keilbach, age 91, of Highland, IL., died Sunday, August 17, 2008, at Clinton Country Manor in New Baden, IL.

She was born July 26, 1917, in Breese, IL., the daughter of Frederick and Katherine (nee Poelker) Deutsch.

On September 23, 1939, she married Hilbert Ronald Keilbach , who passed away September 7, 1975.

Mrs. Keilbach was born in Breese, IL. She grew up there and graduated from St. Dominic's High School. She had worked in St. Louis, MO for several years prior to her marriage. After her marriage, she and her husband lived in Belleville, IL for many years and moved to Highland in 1954 (south of town). Following her husband's death she moved into Highland in 1979. She lived there until April of 2008, when she moved into the nursing home. Mrs. Keilbach enjoyed playing cards, doing crafts and crocheting. She faithfully helped with the Blood Bank at the VFW and was very active in her church.

She was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ, Highland, IL; Women's Guild of the Church(secretary 8 yrs); Quilters of the Church; Ladies Auxiliary to V.F.W. Post 5694; Highland Women's Democratic Club; Highland Weinheimer Senior Citizens Club; Faith Countryside Homes Auxiliary; Ladies

of Woodmen of the World (secretary for 26 yrs).

Survivors include Brother-Kyrle A. Deutsch of Belleville, Ill., Brother-Charles (Maxine) Deutsch of Mountain Home, Ark., Sister In-law-Marjorie Deutsch of Evansville, Ind., Sister In-law-Jane F. Deutsch of Breese, Ill., Nieces & Nephews Including-David W. (Caroline) Deutsch of Breese, Ill., Nieces & Nephews Including-Jean M. (Tom) Mahoney of Lebanon, Ill., Nieces & Nephews Including-Jan M. (Mark) Dall of Aviston, Ill.

She was preceded in death by Father-Frederick N. Deutsch, Mother-Katherine Deutsch, nee Poelker (died when Bernice was 1 year old), Step Mother-Camilla Erlinger, nee Bingham, Husband-Hilbert Ronald Keilbach (died 09/07/1975), Brother-Frederick N. Deutsch, Brother-William A. "Bill" Deutsch (died 05/24/2008), Sister In-law-Marjorie Deutsch, Sister In-law-Shirley Keilbach, (died 04/14/2003)