



Bessie E. Zilles Malan

August 16, 1913 - August 12, 2008

Bessie E. (Decrevel) Zilles Malan, age 94, of Highland, IL., died Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at Highland Health Care Center in Highland, IL.

She was born August 16, 1913, in Saint Rose, IL., the daughter of James and Cora (Wilson) Decrevel.

On February 22, 1939 she married Russell Zilles. He passed away June 16, 1967. On March 7, 1972, she married Joy F. Malan, who passed away July 9, 1992.

Bessie was born and grew up in St. Rose area, south east of Highland. She and her husband farmed in the Sebastopol area. She had worked as a young woman at the Highland Embroidery Works. In 1997 she moved to Highland Home, and to Highland Health Care Center in 2007. She was a former member of Bethany Baptist Church, where she was a Sunday School Teacher, and current member of First Baptist Church. She was a 20 year member of the Madison County Home Extension. She loved raising cats. She was also a member of Madison County Home Extension-20 year member.

Survivors include Son-Gary A. (Pat) Zilles of Highland, Ill., Step Son-Leslie (Mary Helen) Malan of Highland, Ill., Step Daughter-Violet J. Scott of

Greenville, S.C., Step Daughter-Sue Ann Ammann - Frey of Highland, Ill.,
Step Grandchildren-., Step Gr - Gr Grandchildren-.

She was preceeded in death by Father-James --- Decrevel, Mother-Cora ---
Decrevel nee Wilson, First Husband-Russell B. Zilles, died 6/16/1967, married
2/22/1936, Second Husband-Joy F. Malan, died 7/9/1992, married 3/7/1972,
Step Son-Roland Malan died 9/16/2002, Brother-Howard Decrevel, Brother-
Orville Decrevel, Brother-Dean Decrevel

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in
Highland, Ill.