



Birdie V. Wilke

January 26, 1919 - October 22, 2012

Birdie Violet Wilke, age 93 of Highland, IL, died Monday, October 22, 2012, at Aviston Countryside Manor in Aviston, IL.

She was born January 26, 1919, in Highland, IL, the daughter of Robert and Louise (nee Hoffmann) Keilbach.

On June 30, 1947, she married Paul R. Wilke who passed away on June 18, 1991.

She was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ. She was also a member of United Paperworkers International Union Local 1912.

Mrs. Wilke was born and grew up on the family farm southeast of Highland in the Sebastopol area. After her schooling, she moved into Highland and worked at Brown's Restaurant. She then worked at the Moulton-Bartley Shoe Factory (8 years); the Brown Shoe Company in Trenton (8 years); Heyday's Shoe Company in St. Louis (6 months); the Garment factory in Highland then to Alton Box Company in Highland where she worked from May 1958 until retiring in January 1980. She enjoyed fishing, gardening, travelled extensively and helped other in her family.

Survivors include :

Sister In-law - Niala F. Keilbach, Highland, IL

Nieces and Nephews - Many Survive

Great Nieces & Nephews - Many Survive

Great Great Nieces & Nephews - Many Survive

She was preceded in death by :

Father - Robert Keilbach

Mother - Louise Keilbach nee Hoffmann

Husband - Paul R. Wilke died 6/18/1991

Brother - Morris R. Keilbach died 4/12/2005

Sister - Verna T. Merkle Riggs died 10/19/2000

Sister - Velma Gilgen died 5/6/1997

Sister - Ione Buettner

Brother - Russell J. Keilbach died 1/9/2001

Brother - Fred P. Keilbach died 1966

Brother - Waldo B. Keilbach died 1988

Godchild - Lois D. Klenke died 11/4/2009