



Colleen Poss

March 18, 1928 - January 22, 2019

Colleen Poss, age 90 of Highland, IL, died Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at Highland Health Care Center in Highland, IL.

She was born March 18, 1928, in Highland, IL, the daughter of Phineas and Irene (nee Gilomen) Sackett.

On May 16, 1946, she married Homer H. Poss, Jr. at E & R Church in Highland, IL, by Rev. Fred C. Aldrich. Homer passed away on January 18, 2005.

She was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ. She was also a member of VFW Auxiliary to Post 5694-Highland, IL (Past President); St. Josephs Hospital Auxiliary-Highland, IL.

Colleen was born and grew up in Highland, IL. She attended Highland School. She worked at Wick Organ Co. She was working at Michael's Bowling Alley when she met her husband. They married after a 5 month courtship. She worked as a Bus Driver in the 1960's, retiring in the early 1980's. She was a dedicated member of the VFW Post 5694 Auxiliary. She was in charge of the kitchen over 20 years. She was known area wide for her potato salad served at the VFW Fish Frys on Friday nights. She was a Auxiliary member for 70 years and past president. She was First Lady of Highland for 8 years when

her husband served as Mayor from 1978-1986. Together they represented Highland at the Sister City, Sursee, Switzerland in 1982. Colleen bowled at the VFW and at Poplar Junction for many years, enjoyed Bingo at the VFW and loved cooking and baking for her family. She followed the St. Louis Cardinals and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include :

Son - Keith T. (Laurie) Poss, Highland, IL
Daughter - Sherry L. Fletcher, Highland, IL
Daughter - Sheila L. (Lynn) Beil (Twin), Highland, IL
Son - Michael S. Poss, Fairview Heights, IL
Grandchild - Jamie Lynn (James) Patrick, Columbia, MO
Grandchild - Jennifer Ann (Michael) Gilbert, Saint Louis, MO
Grandchild - Ryan M. (Melissa) Poss, Highland, IL
Great Grandchild - Hannah Grace Patrick, Columbia, MO
Great Grandchild - Harrison Hartford Poss, Highland, IL
Great Grandchild - Hudson Bane Patrick, Columbia, MO
Great Grandchild - Griffin Michael Gilbert, Saint Louis, MO
Great Grandchild - Expected Great Grandchild - Poss in July 2019
Sister-in-law - Joan Sackett, Highland, IL
Sister-in-law - Myra Poss, Eldon, MO

She was preceded in death by :

Father - Phineas E. Sackett, died 9/22/1962
Mother - Irene B. Sackett Brookman, nee Gilomen - died 1/13/1986
Step Father - Kenneth L. Brookman, died 11/7/1987
Husband - Homer H. Poss, Jr., died 1/18/2005
Daughter - Shelly Poss (Twin - Stillborn) (died 5/21/1964)
Brother - Billy George Sackett, died 6/19/2007, Highland, IL
Father-in-law - Homer H. Poss, Sr. - Died 3/13/1967
Mother-in-law - Laura Poss Riggs (nee Ohl) - Died 11/24/1985

Son-in-law - John L. "Jack" Fletcher - Died 1/17/1999

Brother In-law - Duane Poss - Died 1989

Brother In-law - Thomas R. Poss, Sr. - Died 3/2/2010

Brother In-law - Oliver Gordon Poss - Died 8/1939

Sister-in-law - Rosalie Poss - Died 12/10/1999

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, January 24, 2019, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Friday, January 25, 2019, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, January 25, 2019, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL, with Rev. Will VerDuin officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Evangelical United Church of Christ; VFW Post 5694 or Highland Area Christian Service Ministry (HACSM).

Tribute Wall

LE

“ Keith and Family,

*Condolences to you and your family on the passing of your mother.
Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Lisa Early

Lisa Early - January 25, 2019 at 11:02 AM

JL

“ *I'm sure to say my mom, Jennie and Colleen will be making potato salad for all.
A very lovely special person, never be another like her, god bless all.*

Judy luehm - January 25, 2019 at 09:11 AM

ED

“ *From the young boy at 300 Washington Street....you were always nice to me. Keith was the "shit" and I was the good one..... once a Poss always a Poss. Thank you for being you..... you are missed. Love Ed Z.*

ed - January 24, 2019 at 10:20 PM

MF

“ *Dear Sherry and family, my deepest sympathy to you on the passing of your mom. She was such a special lady and it was a pleasure knowing her and keeping in touch after all these years. We got to know each other via my brother Zollie for which I am thankful. I know she will be missed by us all. May she rest in peace and join her beloved Homer.*

Margie Kovach and family - January 24, 2019 at 09:29 PM

CG

“ Carol Gilbert purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Colleen Poss.



Carol Gilbert - January 24, 2019 at 10:03 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Colleen Poss.



January 24, 2019 at 09:44 AM

KL

“ So sorry for your loss. My heart 💔 for the family! She was such a loving person, commonly sending cards to other city employees.

Kevin Limestall - January 23, 2019 at 06:36 PM

RR

“ Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Colleen Poss



Rita Rinderer - January 23, 2019 at 05:08 PM

CG

“ *I'm not sure that we will be able to make the visitation but please accept our deepest sympathy in the passing of your mother. I remember her passion for bowling on one of the leagues that I too bowled in and for her great cooking skills and organization of the meals often served at the V.F.W. She was wonderful to work with in planning the meals for special occasions our family held there.* ”

Connie Grapperhaus - January 23, 2019 at 04:31 PM