



Delores J. Merkle

February 23, 1929 - September 13, 2011

Delores J. Merkle, age 82 of Highland, IL, died Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at Saint Luke's Hospital-West in Chesterfield, MO.

She was born on Saturday, February 23, 1929, in Saint Jacob, IL, the daughter of Elder K. and Mary C. (nee Peters) Frey.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1946, she married Alvin C. Merkle.

She was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ.

Delores was born on the family farm south of St. Jacob. She attended Frey County School and Saint Jacob High School. Before her marriage, she had worked at Home Telephone Company of Saint Jacob. She and her husband farmed east of Highland and her parents' land south of Saint Jacob. She and her husband purchased Morstain Transfer and Trans-State Freight Lines in 1969. In 1973 they purchased Horn Trucking Company. They moved to Highland in 1975. She enjoyed traveling, wintering in Florida and Texas, playing cards, family; friends; collecting depression glass, Kirchenfest mugs and Shirley Temple pitchers.

Survivors include:

Son - Daryl G. (Vicki) Merkle, Highland, IL

Son - Laverne A. "Bernie" (Mary) Merkle, Highland, IL

Daughter - Kathryn M. (Kem) Conrad, Alhambra, IL

Sister - Elvenia M. "Babe" (Melvin) Riebold, Saint Jacob, IL

Grandchild - Scott D. (Michele) Heinz, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Denise C. (Special Friend-Pete Szuba) Lucco, Columbia, IL

Grandchild - Darren A. Merkle, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Bryan A. (Janae) Merkle, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Staci C. (Jared) Baer, Alhambra, IL

Grandchild - Jenny M. (Brice) Donnelly, Saint Louis, MO

Great Grandchild - Brandon T. Baer
Great Grandchild - Connor M. Lucco
Great Grandchild - Hunter M. Merkle
Great Grandchild - Carissa R. Merkle
Great Grandchild - Kamden E. Baer
Great Grandchild - Haley A. Merkle
Great Grandchild - Will Michael Heinz.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Elder Karl Frey

Mother - Mary C. Frey nee Peters

Husband - Alvin C. Merkle died 3/4/1993.