



Elaine A. Stratton

April 27, 1925 - April 12, 2007

Elaine A. (nee Miller) Stratton, age 81, of Glen Carbon, IL., died Thursday, April 12, 2007, at Decedent's Residence in Glen Carbon, IL.

She was born April 27, 1925, in Flint, MI., the daughter of Victor and Eva (nee Moore) Miller.

On December 25, 1947, she married Olin Stratton (dod 9/29/91) , who passed away September 29, 1991.

Mrs. Stratton was born in Flint, Michigan of Canadian parents. She was a high school teacher of commerce and history before she married and came to Highland. She was a teacher and Librarian at Highland Community Schools in Highland. She taught elementary school and was elementary librarian. In 1963 the Highland Library Program was a national model. In 1978 her kindergarten through eighth grade library program received an award from the Encyclopedia Britannica and the State of Illinois as one of the three best in the state. She served as chair of the American Library Association national committee and is listed with the state of Illinois as an oral historian. In Highland she was superintendent of Congregational Church School. Before retirement in 1983 Elaine served as director of WRITE ON, a federal funded elementary school writing program which she developed and submitted for funding. She is listed in the International Directory of the World's Who's Who of Women.

One of her special projects was the Highland Bi-centennial Cookbook which won a state award and is housed in the Smithsonian Institute. She went on to author two more books including "Illinois Sketches".

Mrs. Stratton started the Swiss Village Book Store in Highland in 1978. Two more stores were started in St. Louis on Laclede's Landing.

She was an active volunteer, especially the Highland , St. Louis Mercantile and Edwardsville Libraries and later enjoyed volunteering at Cahokia Mounds.

Her husband was the former Highland Superintendent of Schools and Mayor of the City of Highland in 1991.

Survivors include Son-Jeffrey William (Carol) Stratton of Highland, Ill., Son-John N. Stratton of Highland, Ill., Daughter-Candace L. \"Candy\" Baker of Mt Zion, Ill., Grandchild-Barton William Keip of Edwardsville, Ill., Step Grandchild-Brendan K. (Holly) Dillier of Highland, Ill., Step Grandchild-Britny D. (Kyle) Ribbing of Highland, Ill., Step Grandchild-Brooke L. (Jason) Zilveti of Scottsdale, Ariz., Step Gr - Grandchild-Nick Davidson of Highland, Ill., Step Gr - Grandchild-Mya L. Zilveti of Scottsdale, Ariz., an exchange student who became part of the family-Manuel (Elena) Artigas of Mexico City, Mexico.

She was preceded in death by Parents Victor and Eva (nee Moore) Miller and Husband-Olin Stratton (dod 9/29/91).