



Gladys Grotefendt

November 15, 1923 - March 5, 2014

Gladys Grotefendt, age 90 of Highland, IL, died Wednesday, March 05, 2014, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

She was born November 15, 1923, in Edwardsville, IL, the daughter of John E. and Emma Minnie (nee Wiehe) Speckmann.

On June 14, 1945, she married Earl Edward Grotefendt who survives.

She was a member of Grantfork United Church of Christ. She was also a member of Grantfork United Church of Christ Women's Guild, Leef Township Senior Citizens (Founder); Madison County Farm Bureau Seniors (Prime Timers).

Mrs. Grotefendt was born on a farm near Hamel. She was a graduate of Columbia Grade School (6/12/1937) and Edwardsville High School (6/10/1941). She worked for Madison Service, Marine Garment, and Granite City Army Depot. In 1956, she and her husband moved to Grantfork, and they started farming in Marine. In 1976, she and her husband established "Golden Grain Farms" west of Grantfork, along with her daughter and son-in-law. She and her husband enjoyed traveling all over the world. They moved to Highland Home in November of 2011. She enjoyed crocheting and large flower gardens.

Survivors include :

Husband - Earl E. Grotefendt, Highland, IL

Daughter - Audrey F. (David) Steiner, Alhambra, IL

Grandchild - Karla F. (Quinton) Lee, Indianapolis, IN

Grandchild - Wendy J. (Dennis) Tipton, St. Jacob, IL

Grandchild - Brian A. Steiner, Glen Carbon, IL

Great Grandchild - Krystlyn G. Lee, Indianapolis, IN

Great Grandchild - Victoria H. Lee, Indianapolis, IN

Great Grandchild - Nickolas A. Tipton, St. Jacob, IL

Great Grandchild - Matthew A. Tipton, St. Jacob, IL

Sister - Edna M.A. Suessen, Edwardsville, IL

She was preceded in death by :

Father - John E. Speckmann (died 6/23/1968)

Mother - Emma Minnie Speckmann, nee Wiehe (died 11/27/1967)

Brother - Elmer G. Speckmann (died 3/22/1980)

Sister - Marie D.H. Kock (died 2/28/1965)

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, March 07, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, on Saturday, March 08, 2014, at Grantfork United Church of Christ in Grantfork, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 08, 2014, at Grantfork United Church of Christ in Grantfork, IL, with Rev. Tim A. Darmour-Paul officiating.

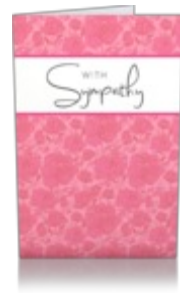
Interment will be at Marine Cemetery in Marine, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grantfork United Church of Christ or
Hoyleton Children's Home.

Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gladys Grotefendt.



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“ A great loss for the Grantfork community and UCC Church. Gladys and Earl were pillars of the community always doing for everyone. I remember Gladys great accomplishment when she came to the Rec Center and didn't have the strength to carry her own groceries. After leaving she could carry a gallon of milk and was so proud of her hard work. I know she will be missed by Audrey and Dave and family. God Bless and our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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