



Helen L. Hafner

November 10, 1934 - March 6, 2007

Helen Lily (Huffman) Hafner, age 72, of Pocahontas, IL., died Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at her residence in Pocahontas, IL.

She was born November 10, 1934, in Morehouse, MO., the daughter of Charles and Laura (Midget) Huffman.

On March 21, 1952, she married Louis E. "Bud" Hafner Jr. , who passed away March 13, 1972.

Mrs. Hafner was born in Morehouse, near Dexter, Mo. She was reared on a cotton farm in Ripley County (Naylor, Mo.), the youngest of ten children. She married at age 14, was divorced and moved to St. Louis, where she worked as a photostat operator. She married again and was a housewife and mother. After her husband's death, she worked at Vargs Dinner Club in Creve Couer, MO. She moved to Mitchell, IL in the late 50's, and then moved to East St. Louis in 1959, where she worked in a bottle factory. Her husband died in 1972, The same year Hafner's Market opened. In 1975 she went to work at Bob's Tavern in Granite City. In 1975, she purchased Fourth Street Tavern, which became Helen's Fourth Street Tavern. In 1979, she sold the tavern and moved to Florida in 1980, where she tended bar and worked at a jewelry factory. She returned to Granite City in 1987 and moved to Pocahontas in 2004. She enjoyed embroidery, crafts, floral designs, and watching birds,

squirrels and watching the pond.

She was Former Member VFW Auxillary @ Doniphan, MO, and a member of Madison County Tavern Owners Assoc .

Survivors include Daughter-Laura Kay (David) Waynick Sr. of Granite City, Ill., Son-Louis E. \"Buddy\" (Rhonda) Hafner III of Poplar Bluff, Mo., Daughter-Helen Adell (Michael) Williams, Sr. of Pocahontas, Ill., Daughter-Georgia Doreen (Philip) Starling of Odessa, Fla., Granddaughter-Crystal Hill, Granddaughter-Holly Lewis, Grandson-Michael Williams, Jr., Grandson-Philip Wayne Starling, Grandson-Joseph Starling, Granddaughter-Della Kay Waynick, Grandson-David Wayne Waynick , Jr., Brother-James (Lois) Huffman of Doniphan, Mo., Great Grandchild-Alexis ., Great Grandchild-Jacob ., Great Grandchild-Alexis Adell ., Great Grandchild-Kaylee ., Great Grandchild-Michael ., Willis Dale's Fiancee-Deborah Condor

She was preceeded in death by Father-Charles J. Huffman, Mother-Laura M. Huffman, nee Midget, 1st Husband-James Mitchem (Marriage ended in divorce.), Husband-Louis E. \"Bud\" Hafner Jr., Son-Willis Dale Mitchem (Died 11/8/2005 at age 54), Son-Wilford Dean Mitchem (infant 1953), Sister-Marie Berry, Brother-Tom Huffman, Brother-Charles Jefferson \"CJ\" Huffman, Brother-Nelson Huffman, Brother-Robert Huffman, Brother-Howard Huffman, Sister-Cora Mae Bishop, Brother-Austin Huffman

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