



Irene L. Hood

November 26, 1918 - February 19, 2015

Irene L. Hood, age 96 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, February 19, 2015, at her residence.

She was born on November 26, 1918, in Highland, IL, the daughter of Fred G. and Emma (nee Good) Rutz.

On November 15, 1941, she married Benjamin "Ben" Franklin Hood who passed away on Monday, April 17, 1989.

She was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ. She was also a member of VFW Post 5694 Ladies Auxillary.

Irene was born in Highland and worked at Moulton-Bartley Shoe Factory after the 8th grade. She worked there until they closed in the late 1940's. She started working for Basler Electric in its infancy when the company worked in the Basler family garage. She worked there until 1952, and took off a year and a half to start her family. She returned to Basler Electric and retired in 1984 with over 30 years. In retirement she volunteered for the Blood Bank, Friday night Fish Fry's at the VFW, active with her husband's Shriner Activities, and helped whom ever asked. She enjoyed crocheting and crafts, and played Bingo 3 nights a week.

Survivors include :

Son - Master Chief Yeoman Bradford L. Hood USN Retired (Special friend Margie A. Isert), Highland, IL

She was preceded in death by :

Father - Fred G. Rutz

Mother - Emma Rutz nee Good

Husband - Benjamin "Ben" Franklin Hood died 4/17/1989

Sister - Erna Keck

Sister - Viola Zobrist

Brother - One Infant

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 Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL, with Rev. Christopher W. Hill officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois; Shriner's Hospital for Children; VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Cemetery Details

Highland City Cemetery

12301 Koepfli Lane
Highland, IL 62249

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical United Church of Christ
2520 Poplar Street
Highland, IL 62249
(618) 654-7459

Tribute Wall

JN

“ Brad,
My sympathy to you at this time of loss. She was indeed a great person whom I was privileged to know my entire life. I have many great memories that she was a part of. Take care my friend. We will all meet again soon!

Jim Nickerson - February 22, 2015 at 10:35 AM

JC

“ WE SPENT MANY HOURS WITH IRENE SHARING STORIES OF LIFE, SHE WAS AN INSPIRATION WE WILL NEVER FORGET, WE LEARNED SO MUCH FROM HER, SHE WAS A TREASURE, WE ARE SO GRATEFUL WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE HER AS A FRIEND

JOYCE & KEITH CRAIN

JOYCE & KEITH CRAIN - February 21, 2015 at 10:34 PM

JF

“ JOYCE & KEITH CRAIN & FAMILY purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Irene L. Hood.



JOYCE & KEITH CRAIN & FAMILY - February 21, 2015 at 10:23 PM

BK

“ Brad, I'm so sorry to hear of your mother passing. She was a beautiful lady in and out. Please accept my sympathy.

Bonnie Kloss - February 19, 2015 at 07:20 PM