



Katherine E. Oriez

May 20, 1924 - December 22, 2006

Katherine E. (nee Maynes) Oriez, age 82, of Highland, IL., died Friday, December 22, 2006, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

She was born May 20, 1924, in Omaha, NE., the daughter of Charles and Florence (Richards) Maynes.

On September 29, 1951, she married Robert Louis Oriez, died 4/1/2005.

She was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church-Highland, IL.

She was also a member of Charter member of Highland Historical Society;
Former member of Highland Saddle Club;
University of Missouri Alumni.

Katherine Oriez was born in Omaha, Nebraska on May 20, 1924, the daughter of Charles and Florence Richards Maynes. After graduating from Missouri University in 1945, she was a reporter and copy editor on the Daily Forum in Maryville, MO. She covered county and city news, a former "Man's beat". She worked for over a year, then returning to Kansas City, her family home. She was editor of a news magazine for the Katz Drug Company in Missouri and Kansas. With a scholarship for graduate level study from her journalism honorary sorority, she attended Columbia University in New York City part

time. She also started an employees news magazine for the Liggett-Rexall Drug Company, headquartered in New York. In 1960 in Fort Wayne, IN, she joined the women's news department on the Journal-Gazette, started a women's news page and was department assistant editor. When she went to work on the large city daily paper she was the third woman in the newsroom. Two years later she started a women's news page for the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocesan newspaper and also did general news reporting. She was the first woman editor on the Our Sunday Visitor publishing company staff.

Mrs. Oriez also was the first editor to travel and report news events about Catholics and the church that drew national media coverage. For three years she was the first laywoman on the diocesan school board.

She married Robert Oriez of Patchogue, Long Island, New York on September 29, 1951. They lived in New Orleans, Louisiana the first four year of their marriage while he was a Merchant Marine Ship Officer. With their family, they moved to Highland, IL in 1966. She immediately began work as a reporter and copy editor on the Highland News Leader, retiring in 1993.

While living in Kansas City, New Orleans and Fort Wayne, she was active in the League of Women's Voters and the alumna clubs of Theta Sigma Phi, the journalism sorority, and Alpha Chi Omega collegiate social sorority. From early childhood she loved horses, riding country roads and trail rides. She also loved the Sea and the Rocky Mountains. Wherever she lived she was interested in local history and learning about the early settlers from their descendents.

For six years she was a co-leader of Girl Scout Cadette Troop 712 and organized Senior Troop 80.

Survivors include Daughter-Mary Lou (Joe) Delaney of Carlinville, Ill.,

Daughter-Suzanne E. (Jim) Anderson of Marine, Ill., Son-Richard J. Oriez of Columbia, Mo., Son-John R. (Debra) Oriez of Fishers, Ind., Son-James L. Oriez of Highland, Ill., Daughter-In-Law-Gloria Shone of Littleton, Colo., Grandchild-Andrew James Oriez, Grandchild-Katherine Oriez, Grandchild-Suzanne Delaney, Grandchild-Erin Delaney, Grandchild-Daniel Delaney, Grandchild-Caitlin Delaney, Grandchild-Matt Anderson, Grandchild-Corey Anderson, Grandchild-Josh Oriez, Grandchild-Jamie Oriez, Grandchild-Jackson Oriez

She was preceded in death by Father-Charles LeRoy Maynes, Mother-Florence Ellen Maynes, nee Richards, Husband-Robert Louis Oriez, died 4/1/2005, Son-Charles A. Oriez, died 9/7/05, Brother-Richard Maynes, died 18 days old, Sister-Mary Lou Maynes, died age 7 years