



## Laurine E. Thurnau

August 21, 1925 - April 21, 2014

Laurine Evelyn Thurnau, age 88 of Saint Jacob, IL, died Monday, April 21, 2014, at Faith Care Center-FCH in Highland, IL.

She was born August 21, 1925, in Pierron, IL, the daughter of Melvin A. and Bertha M. (nee Rochelle) Knebel.

On October 24, 1951, she married Harold Paul Thurnau who passed away on June 23, 2013.

She was a member of St. James Catholic Church. She was also a member of St. Jacob Fireman's Auxillary; Madison County Home Extension; St. James Altar Society; St. Jacob Home Coming Association.

Laurine was born in rural Pierron. She was a 1943 graduate of Highland High School. After her marriage she and her husband moved to St. Jacob and she lived there until moving to Faith Care Center almost 6 years ago. She had worked as a Secretary for Attorney Don Rikke and as a Secretary for Obering Oil Company in St. Jacob. When she started her family she stayed home with her children. She sold Stanley Home Products and was Treasurer for the Village of St. Jacob for a number of years. She enjoyed playing cards with friends and family and was an avid Bingo player. She also enjoyed cooking, collecting cookbooks, walking, and helping with St. Jacob Strawberry Festival

( from its beginning), worked on St. Jacob History Book, being part of Community activities in the Village of St. Jacob, picking, eating and cooking strawberries. She enjoyed time with neighbors and babysitting her grandchildren. Laurine took care of her daughter Jane who was blind and on dialysis for over 10 years.

Survivors include :

Daughter - Mary A. Rottmann, Highland, IL

Son - James L. (Sandy) Thurnau, Galesburg, IL

Son - Steven G. (Susan) Thurnau, Saint Jacob, IL

Daughter - Judith L. (Louis) Berkley, Conway, SC

Grandchild - Shelli L. (Gary) Claro, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Dennis A. (April) Rottmann, Pierron, IL

Grandchild - Jenny R. Thurnau, Milwaukee, WI

Grandchild - Carrie A. Thurnau, Galesburg, IL

Grandchild - Bobby L. Berkley, Conway, SC

Grandchild - Stefan M.(Lyndsie) Thurnau, Florissant, MO

Grandchild - Cindy L. Berkley, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Stacey J. Thurnau, Collinsville, IL

Grandchild - Shari B. Thurnau (Fiancee Jeff Keffer), Collinsville, IL

Great Grandchildren - Eight

Great Great Grandchild - One

Sister - Ethel Ludwig, Afton, MO

Brother In-law - Warren (Betty) Thurnau, Saint Jacob, IL

Sister In-law - Olive Nungesser, Alhambra, IL

Sister In-law - Eleanor Pirok, Highland, IL

Brother In-law - Clifford (Betty) Thurnau, Edwardsville, IL

Sister In-law - Joan (George) Willaredt, Edwardsville, IL

Brother In-law - Robert (Dorothy) Thurnau, Saint Jacob, IL

Brother In-law - Dale Gerstenecker, Columbia, IL

She was preceded in death :

Father - Melvin A. Knebel died 4/9/1958

Mother - Bertha M. Knebel nee Rochelle died 4/29/1975

Husband - Harold P. Thurnau died 6/23/2013

Daughter - Joan Marie Thurnau stillborn died 8/23/1974

Daughter - Jane M. Thurnau died 3/9/1995 age 37

Grandchild - Mark Rottmann died 1/5/1995 at age 18

Brother - Leslie Knebel died 2/20/1993

Brother In-law - Delmar Nungesser died 8/31/1984

Brother In-law - Henry Pirok died 10/6/2012

Sister In-law - Jeanette M. Taylor died 12/15/2009

Brother In-law - Louis Taylor died 3/2/2011

Sister In-law - Lyla Gerstenecker died 11/3/2005

Brother In-law - Charles Ludwig died 3/2/2002

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 Thursday, April 24, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, on Friday, April 25, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, April 25, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, with Father Pat G. Jakel officiating.

Interment will be at Keystone Cemetery in Saint Jacob, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. James Catholic Church



# Tribute Wall



“ Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Laurine E. Thurnau



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**Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home** - April 23, 2014 at 02:55 PM

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“ My sympathy to all of you on your mother's passing. When I think of the community of St. Jacob, your parents come to mind. Sincerely,  
Steve Launius, Nashville, Illinois

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**Steve Launius** - April 25, 2014 at 11:31 AM