



M. Betty Klaus

October 7, 1924 - May 30, 2017

M. Betty Klaus, age 92 of Highland, IL, died Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Highland, IL.

She was born October 07, 1924, in Highland, IL, the daughter of Richard and Velma (nee Hug) Spellerberg.

On November 02, 1946, she married Willis C. Klaus at E & R Church in Highland, IL. He passed away on March 11, 1997.

She was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ. She was also a member of EvUCC Women's Guild (Honorary Member) (Baptized, Confirmed & Married @ EvUCC); Board of Directors for Faith Countryside Homes (former Secretary); Business and Professional Women's Club (Charter Member); Order of Eastern Star; VFW Post 5694 Auxiliary-Highland (65 plus years & Life Member). .

Born and raised in Highland, IL; graduated from Highland High School in 1942. After high school Betty attended Rubicom Business School, St. Louis. She worked at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, St. Louis, in the Personnel Department and the Plant Personnel Department. She became Office Coordinator for the Illinois South Conference, Highland, IL, of the United Church of Christ in 1959 and held that position for 30 years. She retired in 1989. She collected Raggedy Ann & Andy Dolls; her mother had made them as gifts. She enjoyed family gatherings, Christmas with family, playing the piano, bird watching and eating out. In her early years she spent time at Klaus Lake. She and her husband traveled extensively in their motorhome and wintered in Arizona.

Survivors include :

Son - Timothy R. "Tim" (Linda) Klaus, Highland, IL

Daughter-in-law - Nancy J. Klaus (nee Drda), Highland, IL

Grandchild - Tracie L. (Dan) Lucas, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Wendy K. (Matt Zajac) Klaus, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Theodore R. "Ted" (Abbey) Klaus, Highland, IL
Grandchild - Barbara J. "Barbie" (Curtiss "C. J.") Weis, Grantfork, IL
Grandchild - Amanda K. (Rick) Wasson, Highland, IL
Grandchild - Melissa N. (significant other-Bryant Michael) Klaus, Highland, IL
Great Grandchild - Patton J. Weis, Grantfork, IL
Great Grandchild - Eli D. Lucas, Highland, IL
Great Grandchild - Lillian M. Weis, Grantfork, IL
Great Grandchild - Parker S. Coppedge
Great Grandchild - Jayden Coppedge

She was preceded in death by :

Father - Richard Oliver Spellerberg - Died 11/07/1974

Mother - Velma Cleda Spellerberg (nee Hug) - Died 11/23/1989

Husband - Willis Calvin Klaus - Died 03/11/1997

Son - Ned Calvin Klaus - Died 02/23/2017

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

Visitation will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, June 02, 2017, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 03, 2017, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 03, 2017, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home 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 Faith Countryside Village Condominium Homeowners Assoc.; Evangelical United Church of Christ; or to the Paget's Foundation.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Members of the Klaus Family,
As a pastor who was ordained in 1959 in Marion and served in Illinois South Conference in Cahokia and Freeburg, I remember Betty Klaus very well as a warm and cheery voice on the telephone and in person. She was also very efficient and was very helpful. She certainly helped to get our Conference off to the right start and as it grew and got a bit more complicated too.
My wife Bennie & I have served as Betty's Annuitant Visitors for the UCC Pension Board over the last almost 2 years. We visited her at the nursing home and had good conversation with her, good in spite of her memory lapses. Then too she was cheerful and optimistic as well as showing her personal warmth. She appreciated our closing prayer and thanked us for coming, I remember.
Pastor Herb & Bennie Schafale

Pastor Herb & Bennie Schafale - June 02, 2017 at 10:20 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers to the family and friends. Betty and family was my neighbor for many years. She always had a smile for everyone and was a hard worker. She definitely loved her family time and I know she will be missed. RIP my friend. Pam Ulrich Lecerf

Pam Ulrich Lecerf - May 31, 2017 at 10:04 PM