



Marcella L. Parker

June 22, 1925 - February 23, 2006

Marcella Lois (Basden) Parker, age 80, of Highland, IL., died Thursday, February 23, 2006, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in Saint Louis, MO.

She was born June 22, 1925, in Alton, IL., the daughter of James and Teckla (Holingshead) Basden.

On August 15, 1942, she married Merle Clifford Parker , who passed away November 15, 1983.

She was a member of First Baptist Church-Highland, IL.

Following her marriage she lived in Alton; moved to Highland, IL in 1961. She was always a homemaker and a long time babysitter. She was a Babysitter for over 20 years for the Highland Christian Women's Club meetings; also babysat for area Bible Studies. She assisted her children by baby-sitting her grandchildren for many years. She was "Super Grandma" to them. Her husband had been a long-time employee of Illinois Power Company.

Survivors include Son-Russell E. "Rusty" (Patti) Parker of Highland, Ill., Son-David M. (Dawn) Parker of Sarasota, Fla., Daughter-Janet P. (Dennis) Lang of Highland, Ill., Daughter-Sharon A. (Bill) Rodgers of Potosi, Mo., Daughter-Linda S. (Brian) Jakel of Highland, Ill., Daughter-Debra J. (Greg) Hirsch of Saint Jacob, Ill., Grandchild-Chris L. (J. Chris) Bennett of Potosi, Mo., Grandchild-Angela M. (Marty) Brand of Potosi, Mo., Grandchild-Tara E. (Chad) Zobrist of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Cory R. Parker of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Alisha N. Parker of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-John W. Kleinhoffer III of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Brandon Parker of Sarasota, Fla., Grandchild-Megan P. Jakel of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Dylan Parker of Sarasota, Fla., Grandchild-McKayla Parker of Highland, Ill., Step Child-Ryan Hirsch of Saint Jacob, Ill., Step Child-Jamie Hirsch of Nashville, Tenn., Gr-Grandchild-Katlyn Brand of Potosi, Mo., Gr-Grandchild-Kami Bennett of Potosi, Mo., Gr-Grandchild-Colten Brand of Potosi, Mo., Gr-Grandchild-Maci Bennett of Potosi, Mo., Brothers-Four Surviving, Sisters-Five Surviving.

She was preceded in death by Father-James Edgar Basden, Mother-Teckla Sue Basden, nee Holingshead, Husband-Merle Clifford Parker (DOD=11/15/1983), Grandchild-Robert P. Lang (DOD=10/04/1993), Grandchild-Stephen R. Lang DOD=08/19/1998), Grandchild-Chelsea M. Jeneral (DOD=01/21/2003) @ age 12, Brothers-Two Deceased, Sister-One Deceased