



Mary E. Lyerla

February 21, 1920 - April 6, 2013

Mary E. Lyerla, age 93 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, April 06, 2013, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

She was born on Saturday, February 21, 1920, in Marshall, IL, the daughter of Guy G. and Marguerite (nee English) Gillespie.

On Sunday, August 22, 1943, she married James R. Lyerla, Sr. who survives .

She was a member of United Methodist Church - Pocahontas, IL, 50 + year member Order of Eastern Star-Pocahontas, IL.

Mrs. Lyerla was born at Marshall, IL; moved to Pocahontas, IL when she was in the sixth grade, and she graduated from Pocahontas High School in 1938, She attended Greenville College for one year. Briefly, she had worked at the Pocahontas Post Office. After reared her four sons, Mary worked at the Montgomery Ward store in Collinsville for 17years, retiring in 1981. She enjoyed traveling to see her sons by train with her husband and flying on her own. Mrs. Lyerla loved entertaining her grandchildren. She worked crossword puzzles and word-games. An avid basketball fan, she followed the Collinsville Kahoks and U of I. She was also a Cardinal Baseball fan.

Survivors include:

Husband - James R. Lyerla, Sr., Highland, IL
Son - James R. (Deborah) Lyerla, Jr., San Jose, CA
Son - Terry W. (Shari) Lyerla, Palmetto, FL
Son - Thomas F. (Cheri) Lyerla, Marine, IL
Son - Jon R. Lyerla, Springfield, IL
Grandchild - Courtney E. (Richard) Branson
Grandchild - Dena R. (Kenneth) Hime
Grandchild - Jenny A. (Robby) Seger
Grandchild - Scott R. (Colleen) Lyerla
Grandchild - Cristina Robins
Grandchild - Joseph H. Davila, Jr.
Grandchild - Robert D. (Beckie) Lyerla
Grandchild - Joshua J. (Kelly) Lyerla
The family would like to acknowledge Joseph Young.

She was preceded in death by:
Father - Guy George Gillespie
Mother - Marguerite Gillespie
Brother - Guy G. Gillespie, Jr.
Sister - Ann Boyce
Brother - Frank Gillespie
Grandchild - Andrew D. Lyerla.