



Thelma R. Essenpreis

August 20, 1915 - April 19, 2012

Thelma R. Essenpreis, age 96 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, April 19, 2012, at Faith Care Center-Faith Countryside Homes, Highland, IL.

She was born on Friday, August 20, 1915, in Millersburg, IL, the daughter of Michael J. and Ethel (nee Linder) Mack.

On Wednesday, February 08, 1939, she married Leto H. "Pete" Essenpreis, who passed away on Monday, June 16, 1997.

She was a member of Grantfork United Church of Christ, Grantfork, IL; Women's Guild of the Church; Order of the Eastern Star-Pocahontas (Past Worthy Matron); Bond County Home Extension w/ the University of Illinois..

Born at Millersburg, IL; reared at Quincy, IL. Graduated from Quincy High School in 1933; attended business college, Quincy, IL. Moved to Pocahontas, in 1937, worked for lawyers in Greenville, IL. She reared her children and later worked at Basler Electric, Highland, IL, for several years; then as a secretary at Scott Air Force Base, from 1959-1976. She moved to Highland, off the farm (North of Pocahontas) in November of 1994. She bowled for over 50 years; loved her grandchildren; swam at the Korte Rec Center for many years; enjoyed gardening and canning; and she and her husband enjoyed their Eastern Star activities.

Survivors include:

Son - Barry L. (Shirley) Essenpreis (twin), Pocahontas, IL

Daughter - Betty A. (William) Hemann (twin), Edmond, OK

Grandchildren:

Michael (Mary) Essenpreis, Sorento, IL;

Deborah (Brady) Kesner, Highland,

Capt. Tom (Rebecca) Essenpreis, USAF, Hawthorne, CA

Lori (Dr. Charles) Crotteau, Chicago, IL

Cathy (Jeff) Bramlette, Kirkwood, MO

Great Grandchildren:

Cpl James Essenpreis, USMC

Shannon Essenpreis, Sorento, IL

Sydney Kesner, Highland, IL

Taylor Kesner, Highland, IL

Molly Crotteau, Chicago, IL

Natalie Crotteau, Chicago, IL

Will Bramlette, Kirkwood, MO

Emily Bramlette, Kirkwood, MO

Beau Bramlette, Kirkwood, MO.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Michael Joseph Mack died 1947

Mother - Ethel Mack nee Linder (died 5/11/1990)

Husband - Leto H. "Pete" Essenpreis (died 6/16/1997).