



Verla J. Cartwright-Donaldson

June 13, 1929 - June 15, 2017

Verla J. Cartwright-Donaldson, age 88 of Staunton, IL, died Thursday, June 15, 2017, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, IL.

She was born on Thursday, June 13, 1929, in Hamel, IL, the daughter of August and Edna (nee Rode) Wilkening.

On November 18, 1951, she married Edward E. Cartwright who passed away on October 23, 1995.

In 2002, she married Carl B. Donaldson, who survives.

She was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ. She was also a former member of the Immaneul UCC Women's Guild..

Verla was born at home in Hamel Township. She attended Columbia School and after her marriage she farmed with her first husband Edward. They ran a dairy farm outside of Hamel. After her husband's death she remarried and moved to Iberia, MO. She enjoyed growing flowers, and loved her cats and animals in general. She played the organ, and enjoyed sewing, baking and playing Bingo in Worden.

Survivors include:

Husband - Carl B. Donaldson, Iberia, MO

Son - Ronald E. Cartwright, Worden, IL

Son - William D. (Virginia) Cartwright, Mount Olive, IL

Daughter - Connie J. (Larry) Willeford, Alhambra, IL

Daughter - Catherine L. Jett, Highland, IL

Daughter - Joann M. Otto, Staunton, IL

Son - Roger A. (Janet) Cartwright, Eagarville, IL

Grandchild - Nineteen

Great Grandchildren - Forty

Great Great Grandchildren - Several
Sister - Betty Head, Highland, IL
Sister - Rose Olive, Edwardsville, IL
Brother - Donald Wilkening
Brother - Alvin (Janet) Wilkening, Hamel, IL
Brother - Roger Wilkening, Edwardsville, IL

She was preceded in death by:

Father - August W. Wilkening - Died 12/12/1973
Mother - Edna L. Wilkening, nee Rode - Died 03/16/1992
First Husband - Edward E. Cartwright - Married 11/18/1951; Died 10/23/1995
Son - Raymond Cartwright
Daughter - Mary Henke
Daughter In-law - Mary S. Cartwright - Died 3/13/2004
Son In-law - Danny L. Jett Sr. - Died 5/01/2016

Arrangements are being handled by Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra, IL.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra, IL, with Rev. Christy Eckert, pastor, Hamel, IL, officiating.

Interment will be at Immanuel Cemetery in Hamel, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.