



## Jessie Mae St. Gemme

May 16, 2019 - March 21, 2011

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Mattoon, IL-Jessie Mae St. Gemme, age 91, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 9:30 p.m., Monday, March 21, 2011, at the Oddfellow-Rebekah Home in Mattoon, IL.

The funeral service in her honor will begin at 11:00 a.m., Friday, March 25, 2011, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL, 61938. Reverend Dr. John Connett will officiate. Burial will be in Dodge Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday evening, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., at the funeral home.

Born May 16, 1919, in Caruthersville, MO, Jessie was the daughter of Walter and Grace (Pulley) Smith. She married Darrell William St. Gemme in 1940. He passed away in 1983. She is survived by three children, Gary D. St. Gemme of Charleston, IL, Ed W. St. Gemme and wife Janice of Westcliffe, CO, and Robert E. St. Gemme and wife Laura of Charleston, IL; nine grandchildren; six great grandchildren; three nieces, and one nephew. She was preceded in death by both parents; a sister, Zelphia E. Treece; and a brother, Harry E. Smith.

Jessie lived in Mattoon since 1969. Her husband served as a pastor for 33 years and the last 14 of those were with the East Side Church of the Nazarene. Jessie dedicated her life to her church congregation. She worked with teens in the youth group for many years and acted as a delegate at Nazarene Acres. She worked at the local garment factories stating her favorite part of her job was 'being laid off.'

Jessie loved her family, her church family and her many friends. She enjoyed traveling the world, and in the last years of her life, playing BINGO and cards with her friends at the Fellowship Center. She had a joy for life and a positive disposition. She believed in good health, exercise and faith in the Lord.

Memorials may be made to the charitable organization of the donor's choice. Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with her family.