



## Betty Jane Godden

May 2, 1929 - January 14, 2016

Mattoon, IL – Betty Jane Godden, age 86, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 10:38 p.m., Thursday, January 14, 2016 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

The funeral service in her honor will begin at 12:00 p.m., Monday, January 18, 2016, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL, 61938. Reverend Dan Fultz will officiate. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10:00 a.m. until the service begins.

Born May 2, 1929, in Mattoon, IL, Betty was the daughter of Walter and Elizabeth Ermine (Matthews) Taylor. She married Ray E. Godden in Mattoon, IL, in 1966. He passed away October 2, 1983. Survivors include her daughter, Frances (Tiger) Hale and husband Jeffery of Windsor, IL; four step-children: Susan Beals of Sugar Hill, GA, Peggy Smith of Mattoon, IL, Jeanine McVicker and husband Mike of Mattoon, IL, and Mike Godden of Sullivan, IL; two grandchildren, Anita MaRia Hale of Windsor, IL, and Angela Beck and husband Trent of Windsor, IL; four great-grandchildren, Desirae Milligan, Brandon Milligan, Benjamin Beck, and Haley Beck, all of Windsor, IL; and six step-great grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

Prior to retiring in 1991, Mrs. Godden was employed by General Electric in

Mattoon, IL. She was a member of the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, and Women of the Moose, all of Mattoon, IL. She was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Betty enjoyed BINGO, was an avid reader, and a talented quilter. Last year alone, she completed seven quilts in time to give them as Christmas gifts. Family was the center of Betty's life, and she enjoyed nothing more than spending time with them. The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to her special friends, Kay and Dan Horn, Kelly Ard, and Betty Rice.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Jane Godden*

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Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - January 18, 2016 at 07:41 AM

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“ My Aunt Betty once took care of Red and I during a deep winter storm at our house in Charleston. We were bound and determined to get out and go to the store to buy ingredients to make fudge. Betty got out of the difficult driveway with the old Packard and we went to the store and back home OK. We had a good time with her that night.

We lived in Windsor for a few years and used to meet her at the picnic. I know that she was popular and well respected in Gays, as I would mention her to patients when I would haul them on the ambulance if they knew her. They usually did. I really liked Aunt Betty's laugh. She thought a lot of things were funny and showed her sense of humor a lot. Sandra and I stopped by about a month ago to visit with her. We sat in her front room and had a good visit. I also know that she was a best friend of my mom, Louise Taylor, when they young. She was the last Taylor of Walt and Elizabeth's children, and she represented the family well. We will all miss Aunt Betty (Taylor) Godden. Nephew Howard Taylor

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**Howard Taylor** - January 17, 2016 at 05:10 PM

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“ Julie lit a candle in memory of Betty Jane Godden



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**Julie** - January 16, 2016 at 02:21 PM