



Mary Ella "Peg" McWilliams

April 18, 2019 - February 2, 2013

Mary Ella 'Peg' McWilliams, 93, passed away at 10:00 p.m. Saturday, February 2, 2013, at Mattoon Health Care, Mattoon, IL. Granting her wishes, no visitation or funeral services will be held. A family gathering celebrating her life will be held at a later date. Burial will be in RestHaven Memorial Gardens, Mattoon, IL. Mary was born April 18, 1919 in Mattoon, IL, the daughter of Thomas E. and Grace (Hildreth) Downey. She married Verlan McWilliams on August 21, 1941 in St. Louis, Mo. He passed away on October 14, 2009. Surviving is her sister, Suzanne Jenkins, and her husband Virgil, of Greenfield, WI; nephews and nieces: Tom Oakley, and his wife Kathy, of Mattoon, IL; Tim Oakley, and his wife Annette, of Mattoon, IL; Christie Jenkins of Oak Terrace, WI; Doug Jenkins, and his wife Cinda, of Franklin, WI; Lori Bauman, of Riverhills, WI; Great nieces and nephews: Josh Oakley, and his wife Jasmine, of Dewitt, MI; Keli Skripsky, and her husband Matt, of St. Charles, IL; Wendy Stroud, and her husband Jason, of Sullivan, IL; Samantha Crowe of Mattoon, IL; Kassandra and Coty of Summerdale, AL; Bryan of Austin, TX; Tracey of Brookfield, WI; and Tyler, Tory, and Tucker Bauman of River Hills, WI; and six great-great nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one sister and two brothers. Mary graduated from Charleston High School in 1937 and attended Utterback Business College, Mattoon. Mary was employed for 37 years with Consolidated Communications in Mattoon. She served in several capacities, including operator, supervisor, Asst. Chief

Operator, Chief Operator, and Traffic Service Supervisor. \r\n\r\nMary loved being with, and entertaining, her family and friends. She and Verlan traveled extensively, especially in retirement. She was fond of playing bridge and crossword puzzles. Her wonderful smile and her warm heart will be greatly missed by all who knew her.\r\n\r\nMemorials may be made in her honor to the Mattoon Community Food Center, 600 Moultrie Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. \r\n

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ella "Peg" McWilliams*

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“ *I helped out at Brookstone for many years. I was blessed to have Mary in my life ! She and Verlan were a true example of what the world needed to be a better place ! Mary was such a elegant,classy lady that was down to earth at the same time! She was always kind and generous to people. She always had a smile for you and was so much fun to be around !\r\nHer marriage was one to live by and many will do just that!\r\nShe and Velan will live on in my heart and so many others ! The halls of Brookstone will echo their laughter and images of happiness ! \r\nI can't explain how much of a blessing it was to know them or the countless memories I have of them ! May God bless and keep you in this difficult time! Lois Kaminski*

Lois Kaminski - February 06, 2013 at 11:39 AM