



Helen "Grannie" Whitehead

July 24, 1925 - September 8, 2013

Helen "Grannie" Whitehead, 88, of Oakford died at 3:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 8, 2013 at Memorial Medical Center. She was born July 24, 1925 to Samuel and Alberta (Reitzel) Lynn. Helen married James Whitehead on July 24, 1946. He preceded her in death on March 11, 1980.

She is survived by her daughter Kerry (Robert) Bagby, grandchildren Cassie (Scott) Laird, Jay Justice and Richard Justice. Great-grandchildren Nic, Emily, Zac and Zoe Laird and Alexis Wilcoxon. Two sisters Bette (Robert) Lynn and Nancy (Richard) Schaeffer. Two brothers Joe (Valerie) Lynn, Jerry (Donna) Lynn and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Sherry Justice on December 23, 2002, two sisters Patsy Smith and Loretta Klauzer and three brothers Sam, Mike and Pat Lynn.

Helen was a member of the Oakford United Methodist Church. She worked at the Snack Shack in Petersburg and retired from the State of Illinois at New Salem State Park in 1990 where she worked as a Site Interpreter. Known by many as "Grannie", Helen was an amazing woman. Deeply devoted to her family and friends, her love and actions were selfless. She had a big heart and a smile that would light up a room. Her made from scratch chicken and noodles, meatloaf and pies graced the doorsteps of many. She loved going on the gambling boat to play slot machines and eat crab legs. Grannie may have been small in stature but she left a monumental mark on all those that knew

her.

Funeral service will be Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg with the Rev. Judy Vidakovich officiating.

Visitation will be Wednesday, September 11, 2013 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Oakford Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Oakford United Methodist Church.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg assisted the family with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Oakford Cemetery

Oakford, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen "Grannie" Whitehead*

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