



Maida I. Robbins

November 27, 1917 - June 27, 2015

Maida I. Robbins age 97 passed away peacefully on June 27, 2015 at 7:40 p.m. at Sunny Acres Nursing Home near Petersburg.

She was born November 27, 1917 in Springfield the daughter of Ernest Rettberg II and Elizabeth Holper Rettberg.

She was reared in Divernon, Illinois, graduating from Divernon High School class of 1935.

She graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington in 1939. While at Wesleyan she was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

From the fall of 1939 until the spring of 1942 she taught English at New Berlin High School and made many life-long friends from that experience.

On February 22, 1942 she married Roy W. Robbins of Petersburg and they along with the family operated Robbins Company Department Store. She held the business together during WW II while Roy was in service. Roy died on May 11, 1986. She continued to be associated with the store until December 24, 1998 when the store closed.

She was involved in several organizations in Petersburg including: Book Club, AAUW, Cub Scout Den Mother, Library Board, Edgar Lee Masters Board,

Menard County Historical Society, Petersburg United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School and was an organist for nearly 60 years. She also did substitute teaching in the Petersburg school system. In 1998 she was selected as Petersburg's First Citizen.

Surviving are two sons, Randall (Sally) Robbins of Petersburg and Christopher (Shirley) Robbins of Surprise, Arizona. Eight grandchildren: Manda (Companion Ron) Robbins, Kim (Rob) McCarty, Martha (Michael) Hundertmark, Suzie (Doug) Daley, Elizabeth (Nathan) Hymas, Jonathan (Sunny) Robbins, Theresa (LeGrand) Boone, Michael (Heidi) Robbins 25 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, an infant son Derry, and a Brother Ernest Rettberg III.

She was known for her cheerful disposition and positive attitude. She loved everybody. She was a good mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend to everybody. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, July 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Petersburg United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Vidakovich officiating. Visitation will be Thursday, July 2, 2015 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Menard County Food Pantry. To express condolences to the family online please visit www.hurleyfh.com. Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg assisted the family with arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral

JUL 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Petersburg United Methodist Church
221 W. Jackson
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-7689

Tribute Wall



“ I spent about 13.5 years of my life getting to know this wonderful woman, whom I get to call my great grandmother. She was a light in my life. I have so many amazing memories with her and I am so deeply blessed to have been as close to her as I was. I miss her deeply. I think and talk about this angel every day. I like to think that now, and 21 years old, she would be proud of the woman I have grown into. Love you always, Grandma.

Macy Hundertmark - May 12, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Maida I. Robbins*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *When I hear the word "Maida," I smile. She lit up our lives. I will always remember her delightful response when our class had its 50th reunion and some of us rode on a hay wagon in Petersburg's fall parade. There she was on the sidelines calling out our names enthusiastically. My parents, Art and Louise Finney, thought the world of her and Roy. They enjoyed them socially but also had the connection of owning stores on the "square." They knew what it meant to have a family business: the long hours, maintaining a reputation. Maida lovingly wrote my mother after she moved to Maryland to be with us. With caring, Pat Powers*

Patricia Powers - July 11, 2015 at 10:24 AM

JK

“ Words cannot express how saddened I am to hear of Maida's passing! Maida was a lovely person who treated all with dignity and respect. I am blessed to have known her and to have worked for the Robbins family! Heartfelt sympathy and prayers for the family. Petersburg has lost a treasure!

Jeff Koch - July 03, 2015 at 06:13 AM



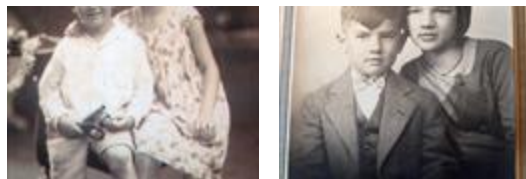
“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Maida I. Robbins.



July 02, 2015 at 01:13 PM

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Bart Rettberg - July 01, 2015 at 10:01 AM

MM

“ Randy, I remember your mother accompanying your children's singing at the organ or piano at our church.

Michele Mchugh - June 30, 2015 at 06:03 PM

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“ *Bart Rettberg purchased the Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern for the family of Maida I. Robbins.*



Bart Rettberg - June 30, 2015 at 12:57 PM

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Bart Rettberg - June 30, 2015 at 12:02 PM

TC

“ *The Whole Rettberg Clan purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Maida I. Robbins.*



The Whole Rettberg Clan - June 30, 2015 at 11:26 AM

KO

“ *Maida always had a smile on her face and was one of the sweetest women I ever met.
She was a blessing to Petersburg and will be missed by many. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers*

Kathy Olesen - June 30, 2015 at 05:35 AM

DB

“ Maida was such a wonderfully sweet lady . She will be missed by many . Always smiling . I will miss her Christmas cards , she was so clever . My thoughts are with her family .

Debbie Boeker - June 29, 2015 at 09:30 PM

MA

“ Maida was a lovely, kind lady, and I loved her. I will hold your dear family close to my heart, and in my prayers.

melissa brauer applebee - June 29, 2015 at 04:18 PM

CM

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Robbins family, especially Randy and Sally, who were so dedicated to Maida everyday for the last several years. We are so sorry for the loss of one of the most amazing and caring ladies ever! She had a big heart, beautiful personality, and warm smile that made you feel so good just to be around her. She will definitely be missed by everyone who knew her.
With fond memories, Cathy and Russ Milby

Cathy Milby - June 29, 2015 at 12:56 PM