



Mary E. Keating

November 27, 1918 - August 19, 2007

Mary E. Keating, 88, of Havana died at Mason District Hospital on Sunday, August 19, 2007 at 12:01 p.m. She was born in Topeka, IL to Samuel and Iva Mae (Underwood) Bortell on November 27, 1918. She married Harold Gragg on October 21, 1950. He preceded her in death on July 11, 1963. She later married James P. Keating on November 10, 1975. He preceded her in death on February 24, 2004.

Mrs. Keating is survived by four nephews: Robert (Nancy) Brown of Chillicothe, IL, Brian (Dorothy) Bortell of Havana, Ted (Debbie) Bortell of Havana and Donald Sorenson of Washington, IL; three nieces: Bonnie (John) Kirkman of Glasford, IL, Glenda (Joe) Towery of Havana, and Rebecca (Ali) Almouman of Houston, TX; 9 great nephews, 9 great nieces, and 26 great-great nieces and nephews. Also surviving in longtime friend and caregiver Lois Russell of Havana. She was preceded in death by 3 brothers, 1 sister, 1 nephew and her parents.

She was a 1937 graduate of Havana High School, member of the United Methodist Church of Havana and a former member of the Havana Business and Professional Women. She was employed by Middle States Telephone Co. and later Centel in Havana, retiring in the late 1960's when the phone company left town. She was an avid second generation of Cubs fans in a family of five generations of Chicago Cubs fans and had a smile on her face

on Sunday morning when she was told that the Cubs were in first place after beating the Cardinals on Saturday. When she was younger, she enjoyed fishing and boating and had always had a smile for everyone.

Funeral services will be held at the Hurley Funeral Home in Havana on Wed. August 22, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the services. Pastor Dave Byrd will officiate. Burial will follow the services at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mason District Hospital, United Methodist Church of Havana, or to the 1st Baptist Church of Havana. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary E. Keating*

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