



## Val Cecilia Birket

December 12, 1916 - December 23, 2007

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Val Cecilia Birket, 91, widow of Ralph O. Birket (a Peoria native and long-time employee of Illinois Bell Telephone Company), died on December 23 at Sunny Acres in Petersburg after a long illness. She had lived in the Springfield area for nearly 50 years.

The daughter of George and Harriet Wright Struebing, she was born December 12, 1916, Cecile Velma Struebing in Bellflower, Illinois, and graduated from high school in Coffeyville, Kansas. A former beauty queen, she attended business school for 2 years before working as an operator and chief operator at Illinois Bell in Champaign. She married Ralph Birket in 1947 and thereafter was a mother, homemaker, and caregiver,

including serving on the Altar Guild of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church in Chicago Heights and on local PTAs in that area and Springfield.

She is survived by her daughter, Sallie Birket Chafer, of Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Val Cecilia Birket*

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