



Beatrice Regina West

May 26, 1925 - March 16, 2010

Beatrice "Bea" Regina West, 84, of Murphysboro, passed away at 4:55 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at her residence in Murphysboro.

Her body has been cremated. A memorial service will be held later this month at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 27, 2010, at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at 115 N. 14th St., in Murphysboro, with Rev. Timothy Bean officiating. Pettett Funeral Home, in Murphysboro, is in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials may be mailed to the First Lutheran Church, 115 N. 14th St., Murphysboro, IL 62966, or Hospice of Southern Illinois, Inc, 204 Halfway Rd., Marion, IL 62959.

Beatrice was born on May 26, 1925, in Norwood, Mass. to John A. LaPrise and Floreda (DeLage) LaPrise.

She was a graduate of both the Attleboro High School in 1943 and the Sturdy Memorial School of Nursing in 1946.

Beatrice married William A. West in 1951, and he preceded her in death on February 16, 1984. They resided in Edgartown and Chappaquiddick, Mass. until 1958, when they relocated to Delray Beach, FL.

She was a private duty nurse and continued her nursing career until 2005 at the age of 79.

Mrs. West was a member and officer in the National Association of Business and Professional Women, The National Chapter of the Republican Women, American Legion and V. F. W., as well as being active in church affairs at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach, FL and the First Lutheran Church in Murphysboro.

Bea was an avid traveler, visiting the islands of the Caribbean, Central and South American. She loved boating, fishing, scuba diving and hiking.

She came to Murphysboro in October of 2007, to live with her daughter and son in law Terry and William Rains, who survive.

Other survivors include one granddaughter Keli Bigham of Petersburg, VA and one step granddaughter Marla Rains of Orlando, FL;

and one step great grandson Andrew Rains of Orlando, FL.

She was preceded in death by her parents and step mother Murial (Rice) LaPrise.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beatrice Regina West*

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