



Clara M. Nicholls

October 13, 1935 - October 3, 2019

Clara M. Nicholls, 83, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, October 03, 2019 at Heritage Health in Dwight, Illinois.

She was born October 13, 1935 in Gorham, Jackson County, Illinois, Clara Marie was a daughter of Charles Cameron and Wanda Elsie (Sumner) Mattingly. She was raised in Gorham and graduated from Gorham High School. On January 8, 1955, Clara married Henry William "H.W." Nicholls, Jr in Alcorn, Mississippi and together they made their home in Wilmington. Clara held employment with Johnson & Johnson Personal Products, prior to owning and operating Clara's Beauty Shop out of her home. Following retirement, Clara and H.W. relocated to Monahans, Texas, where they lived until the passing of H.W., when Clara returned to Wilmington. Throughout the years, Clara enjoyed bowling on a league, camping and playing bingo. Her love of the St. Louis Cardinals was unwavering, and in recent years she took pleasure internet gaming.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Cindy Nicholls of Wilmington; four grandchildren: Curt (Elayne) Nicholls and Michelle Nicholls, both of Farmington, Missouri, Chris (Faith) Williams of Homer Glen, Illinois and Lisa (Elmer) Lynn of Wilmington, Illinois; nine great grandchildren; one brother, Paul (Mary) Mattingly of Spokane, Washington and numerous nieces and nephews.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents; husband, H.W., one son, Robert Wayne in infancy; one daughter, Pamela Williams, and siblings: Charles (Bonnie) Mattingly, Naomi (Sam) Lamonica and Norma Meyer.

The family will receive friends for a visitation at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 East Kahler Road in Wilmington on Monday, October 7, 2019 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Visitation will also be held at Pettett Funeral Home, 1418 South Street in Murphysboro on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of funeral service 12:00 p.m. Burial will follow in Parrish Cemetery in Vergennes, Illinois, where Clara will be laid to rest with her late husband, H.W. Nicholls.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Clara's memory to Hospice of Kankakee

Valley, 482 Main Street NW, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 or to a cancer research organization of the donor's choosing.

Family and friends may sign the guest book, upload photographs or share Clara's

memorial page online by logging onto: www.BaskervilleFuneral.com/notices/Clara_Nicholls

Funeral services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington. (815-476-2181). For more information please visit <https://www.pettettfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Clara M. Nicholls*

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