



Eva Mae Simpkins

December 26, 1918 - August 21, 2008

Eva Mae Simpkins, 89, of Murphysboro, passed away peacefully at home with family by her side at 5:30 a.m. Thursday, August 21, 2008.

Mae was born December 26, 1918, in Johnston City to Anderson and Rose (Long) Martin. She married Kenneth Simpkins on March 9, 1940, and together they enjoyed sixty-eight years of marriage. Her husband lovingly cared for her throughout the duration of her illness.

Although Mae never worked outside her home, she held a full-time position as devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her family was always her first priority, and she spent her life caring for others.

She was a faithful member of Carbondale Church of Christ and taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for many years, even giving rides to children, so they could attend. Being involved with her church was very important to her and her faith in God stayed with her to the end.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Simpkins, of Murphysboro;

three sons Larry and his wife Pat Simpkins, Ron and his wife Glenda Simpkins, all of Murphysboro, and Rick Simpkins of Mt. Carmel, IL.

Other survivors include her six grandchildren, Vickie (and Murray) Bryant of Mayfield, KY, Deanna Barnett (and Mark Schaede) of Marion, Lisa (and Shawn) Stearns, Leann Drone, and Danny (and Angie) Simpkins, all of Murphysboro, and Mandy (and Mike) Pendall of Carterville;

She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Stephanie Drone, Hilary Drone, Emily Stearns, Molly Stearns, Corey Anderer, Lindsey Bryant, Ashley Bryant, Sarah Bryant, Darion Wheeler, Ashton Trusty, Riley Trusty, and Tyler Simpkins.

Her sister, Jean Hayner, also survives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, George and James Martin, half-brother, Walter Long, and half-sister, Thelma Hammonds.

The family would like to offer special thanks to caregivers Helen Russell, Morgan Peeler, Jessica Reinhardt, Carolyn Eubanks, and Becky McIntosh, as well as the Hospice staff.

Mae was a wonderful woman, full of life, and love, and compassion for others. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends, but she'll stay in their hearts forever.

Tribute Wall



“ *Eva Mae Simpkins*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Allan and I would like to extend our deepest sympathies during this time of loss. I have such wonderful childhood memories of Aunt Mae. She was such a warm and caring person and she will truly be missed. Please know that even though we are unable to attend - you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Love,

Tanya, Allan, Kayla, Emma, and Hannah

Allan and Tanya (Nowicki) Sherwood & girls - August 23, 2008 at 06:37 AM



“ *Scott and I send our sincerest condolences on the passing of Aunt Mae. We have fond memories of our visits with her and of her gracious hospitality when we visited in Murphysboro many years ago. May God bless you and help you find peace during this difficult time.*

Scott & Connie Nowicki and family - August 22, 2008 at 09:41 AM