



Florence Baskin

June 3, 1923 - December 28, 2019

Florence Isabelle Baskin, age 96, of Murphysboro, passed away at 6:40 PM on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at Century Assisted Living in Carbondale.

She was born on June 3, 1923 to Walter Darnell and Sophia Wilhelmina (Kiel) Burroughs and grew up on their farm northwest of Elkhart, IL.

Florence attended the Burroughs one room grade school near her farm. She graduated from Elkhart Community High School in 1940. Florence then attended a secretarial school in Belleville, graduating after becoming an expert in Gregg shorthand.

Florence worked as a secretary for many years and finished her career at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale as an executive secretary in 1989.

She was a pianist and organist at Elm Street Baptist Church in Murphysboro in the 50's and 60's, and loved playing for vacation bible school during the summers. Her love of sugar cookies, Pepsi, and all things orange were well known.

Florence married Earl W. Baskin in 1970 and they shared 46 years of marriage until his passing on November 19, 2016.

She is survived by two sons, Galen (Patti) Rath of Murphysboro and Bruce (Joyce) Rath of Carrier Mills, IL; two step-daughters, Marsha (Leland) Coffey of DuQuoin and Sharon (James) Jackman of Florestell, MO, and her brother Donald Burroughs of Dowell, IL, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, caregivers at Carbondale Rehab and Century Living, and friends on Pine Street, all totally beloved.

Florence was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Earl W. Baskin, and three siblings, Walter W. Burroughs, Carroll Burroughs, and Thelma Creekpaum.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Inurnment will take place at a later date in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
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Tribute Wall



“ *Florence Baskin*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM