



Gladys "Carly" Tapps Charlson

February 8, 1929 - November 17, 2014

Gladys "Carly" Tapps Charlson died on November 17, 2014 at the Carbondale Rehab and Nursing Center (CRNC), with her daughter by her side.

Gladys was born on February 8, 1929 in Britt, Iowa to Minnie Kleemeier Tapps and Otto Tapps and 5 older brothers, Raymond, Albert, LuVerne, Virgil and Elmer. On May 1, 1952, she married Earl Charlson of Leland, Iowa; he preceeded her in death in January of 1998.

Gladys is survived by her son David and his children Alithea and Nicholas of Tulsa, Oklahoma and her daughter Sandra and husband Chris Lant and their children Hannah and Helen, all of Carbondale, Illinois and Logan, Utah, by her brother Albert of New Mexico, her sister-in-law Myrtle Tapps of Mason City, Iowa and by many nieces and nephews.

In 1993, Gladys and Earl moved from Knoxville, Iowa where they had made their home for 24 years, to Carbondale, Illinois to be with family. While in Knoxville, she was office manager for the City Water Department for many years. She had many fine friends there along with her neighbors on Hobart Street, all of whom she kept in her heart after leaving Knoxville. She was proud of the work she did at the Water Dept, especially in spearheading the computerizing of their office system in the mid 1980's when that was a new thing. In Carbondale, she volunteered at the Women's Center, the local hospital, the library and at Unity Point School where her granddaughters attended; she was a member of the Unitarian Fellowship along with her family. Gladys was fiercely devoted to her children and grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank the devoted employees of CRNC who cared for Gladys in her last year of life, to Dr. Karen Strack, her doctor of 2 decades, and to the caring staff at both Prairie Living Assisted Living and the Carbondale Memorial Hospital and to nurse and friend, Kathy O'Laughlin of Hospice of Southern Illinois.

A Celebration of Gladys' life will be held at the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship on Sunday, December 21st at 3 pm. Graveside Services will be Monday, December 22, 2014 at 11:00 am alongside her husband at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Memorials can be made to the Women's Center, 610 South Thompson Street, Carbondale, Illinois.

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

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
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Tribute Wall



“ Gladys "Carly" Tapps Charlson

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