



Imogene Nielsen

August 8, 1925 - December 30, 2012

Imogene Nielsen, 87, of Murphysboro, Illinois, passed away at her daughter's home at 8:50 a.m. Sunday, December 30, 2012.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 3, 2013, at Pettett Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Hicks officiating and entombment will be at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday until 10 a.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Samaritan's Purse, Murdale Baptist Church, or Mt. Carbon Christian Church Youth Group.

On August 8, 1925, while the noon whistle blew from the former Brown Shoe Company Factory, Imogene was born to Herbert Sumner and Mae (Ellis) Sumner near Murphysboro, and Imogene died about a quarter of a mile from where she was born.

She was a retired registered nurse and had worked at St. Joseph Hospital and the Rehab and Care Center of Jackson County in Murphysboro.

Mrs. Nielsen regularly attended Murdale Baptist Church in Carbondale. She worked for the St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary, and she liked to sew, read, and quilt. She loved flower gardening and plants.

Imogene married Ernie Nielsen on October 13, 1951, in St. Louis, MO, and he preceded her in death on February 12, 2012.

She is survived by three daughters Mary Lynn Powell and her husband Larry Powell, Sue Vana and her husband Eric Vana, and Becky Swafford and her husband Joe Swafford, all of Murphysboro;

seven grandchildren Stefani Swiatkowski, Quinn (JoAnn) Vana, Jacob (Kelcie) Reiman, Isaac Vana, Bethany Reiman, Niel Vana, and Samuel Powell;

one sister in law Mae Sumner of Perryville, MO;

and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one daughter Norma Ruth Nielsen, one granddaughter Ericka Swiatkowski, one brother Lowell Sumner, and her parents.

Tribute Wall



“ *Imogene Nielsen*

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“ *Mary, Sue & Becky, I am so sorry to hear about mom passing, we all know she's in a better place. She was a very caring & loving woman we all loved her so much I know that she will be missed dearly. She is in heaven with dad & her Lord. Love all you girls. I have so many good memories of her when she was a nurse & at the church.*

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