



Lydia Ella Lee

July 30, 1924 - February 26, 2013

Lydia Ella Lee, 88, of Murphysboro, Illinois, passed away at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 26, 2013, at Carbondale Rehab and Nursing Center in Carbondale, Illinois.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 1, 2013, at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Rev. Josemon Hoem officiating and burial at Murdale Gardens of Memory. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer memorials to either Immanuel Lutheran Church or Immanuel Lutheran School. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Lydia was born on July 30, 1924, in Murphysboro, Illinois, to John Henry Ziegler and Martha Matilda (Rodewald) Ziegler.

She had worked as a housekeeper and had worked at area factories including Brown Shoe Factory, the Jacket Factory, and Calcrest Factory. While working at Brown Shoe Company, in 1945, she road on the company float. Lydia had won a contest, in which she was the Queen of the Floor in raising the most money in her department and was the second high of the company in that year.

Mrs. Lee was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Murphysboro. She

was a a very good seamstress. She made all of the dresses in her daughter's wedding, made her own clothes, made her husband's shirts and she even made her own shoes.

Lydia married Raymond Lee on April 2, 1946, in Murphysboro, and he survives.

Other survivors include one daughter and son in law Cynthia and Kevin Buenerkemper of Normal, IL;

four grandchildren Kori Vasquez and her husband Ric Vasquez of Phoenix, AZ, Coleby Buenerkemper and his wife Felicia Buenerkemper of Honolulu, Hawaii, Christopher Buenerkemper of Bloomington, and Collin Buenerkemper of Portland, OR;

five great grandchildren Thomas Buenerkemper, Adrianna Buenerkemper, Kristofer Buenerkemper, Lucian Buenerkemper, and Anthony Vasquez;

three brothers and one sister Leo Ziegler of New York, Lawrence Ziegler of Libertyville, IL, Alma Andress, and Harry Ziegler, both of Murphysboro;

and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one sister Amanda Todd, one brother Ruben Ziegler, and one half sister Edna Shade.

Tribute Wall



“ Lydia Ella Lee

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“ To Ray and Cynthia, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Lydia. She was such a remarkable woman. She has touched so many lives and left so many wonderful memories that we will cherish always. I pray God wraps you in his loving arms and comforts you through this time. We will forever remember and love her.

Bob, Louise, & Amber Pellegrini - March 01, 2013 at 08:23 PM