



Martha J. Lawrence

November 22, 1938 - December 15, 2009

Martha J. Lawrence, 71, of Murphysboro, Illinois, passed away at 1:25 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lawrence will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, December 18, 2009, at the Church of the Nazarene in Murphysboro, with Rev. Jim Frye and Rev. Bill Webb officiating. Burial will be at Murdale Garden of Memory in Murphysboro. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to the hour of service at the church. Pettett Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Martha was born November 22, 1938, in Murphysboro, to Winton Ellis and Margaret (Walker) Ellis.

She was a cook at the former Blue Bell Restaurant.

Martha married Donald "Gene" Lawrence on June 5, 1960, in Murphysboro, and he preceded her in death on December 23, 2005.

Mrs. Lawrence was a member of the Church of the Nazarene. She loved to crochet and to read, as well as cook. She also loved her grandchildren.

Survivors include two children Jane Johnson, and Dawn Thompson and her

husband David Thompson, all of Murphysboro;

four grandchildren Heather Johnson, Amanda Johnson, Ashley Johnson, and John Johnson;

two great grandchildren Dayton Hoffman and Aubrie Hoffman;

and four sisters and three brothers Delores McNeill, Shirley Ogilvy, and Charles Ellis, all of Murphysboro, Barbara Jackson of Huntsville, Alabama, Charlene Blotzer of Youngstown, Ohio, Mike Ellis of Niles, Ohio, and John Ellis of Sterling, Colorado.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Donald Ellis, and her parents.

Tribute Wall



“ *Martha J. Lawrence*

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“ *I will never forget every happy memory and what you and grandpa looked like! I miss everything so much and I know you two are in better place and can be with eachother, I miss every holiday we had as a family and just picking up the phone to call you! You and grandpa will always be in my heart hope we get to see each other one day ! Im really sorry for everything that I have done in the past and want to tell you again that I love you guys! Grandma your the sweetest lady ever I'm glad you were my grandmother wouldnt change that! Grandpa where do I start your the most respectful man ever I will always love you two you might be gone but never forgotten*

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