



Mary Irma Ahlheim

November 10, 1918 - August 1, 2014

Mary Irma Ahlheim, 95, of Murphysboro, passed away at 5 p.m. Friday, August 1, 2014, in the Rehab and Care Center of Jackson County.

Mary was born on Nov. 10, 1918, in Murphysboro, to Ernest Garavaglia and Lena (Berra) Garavaglia.

She was a retired finisher at the former Brown Shoe Factory in Murphysboro and had been a Brown Shoe Factory Queen.

Mrs. Ahlheim was a member of St. Andrew Church and Altar Society, St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary, V.F.W. Post # 7190 Ladies Auxiliary, and American Legion Post # 127 Ladies Auxiliary.

Mary loved to travel--going to Hawaii, the Bahamas, California and Nevada. She went to the 1964 World's Fair and went to see Elvis Presley.

Mary married Leroy G. Ahlheim on April 21, 1945, in Murphysboro, and he preceded her in death on October 9, 1986.

Besides her parents, she was also preceded in death by two brothers and one sister in law Tony and Frances Garavaglia and Auttrey Garavaglia;

two sisters and three brother in laws Rose and Norman "Bud" Todd, Josephine Hoeltge Verstraten, Wilson Hoeltge and Frank Verstraten.

Mary is survived by two nieces Rosanne (Todd) Keck and her husband Carl "Bob" Keck of Belleville, and Jeanette Dickinson of Pensicola, FL;

a dear friend and neighbor Sue Gillooly of Murphysboro;

1 great nephew David Chaffee of Belleville: 3 great nieces Julia Rose Wiese and her husband Marty Wiese of Okawville, Julie Dickinson and Kimberly Dickinson, both of Pensicola, FL;

and one great great niece Olivia Claire Wiese of Okawville.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro and burial at St. Andrew Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Memorials may be made to St. Andrew School in Murphysboro. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Irma Ahlheim*

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