



Mary Alice Blessing

March 29, 1925 - May 27, 2015

Mary Alice Blessing, age 90 of Murphysboro passed away at 3:08 pm on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 in Marshall Browning Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on March 29, 1925 to William Russell (Dutch) and Mary (Batson) Lewis in Carbondale.

She married Aaron Lloyd Blessing on August 8, 1943. Together they shared 70 years of marriage. He preceded her on October 5, 2013.

Mary Alice graduated from Carbondale Community High School in 1943. She had worked at various financial institutions in Carbondale. She retired from 1st National Bank. She enjoyed gardening and loved flowers.

Her greatest love in life was spending time with her family.

She is survived by a son, James Aaron (Janice) Blessing; 2 daughters, Marjorie Alice Blessing and Jill Ann Blessing all of Murphysboro; a daughter-in-law, Raetta Blessing of Murphysboro; grandchildren, Rachael Wenzel of Sadorus, IL; Shawn Blessing of Huntsville, AL; Deanna Rene (Allen) Crombar of Murphysboro; Erin Marie (Jamie) Day of Bowen, IL; Allan Leon Blessing of Murphysboro; Adam Aaron Stearns of Carbondale; Amber Ann (Steven)

Bridgman of Murphysboro; 17 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren, with one on the way; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband, her beloved son, Arvin Leroy Blessing; a great-great grandson, Hunter Haney; a sister, Della Maxine Carico and a brother-in-law, Joe Carico.

Visitation will be Sunday, May 31, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Funeral Services for Mary Alice Blessing will be Monday, June 1, 2015 at 11:00 am at the Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home with the Rev. Cliff Waller officiating. Interment will be at the Oakland Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Grace United Methodist Church Building Fund and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Alice Blessing*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I first met Mary Alice as a teen visiring her home with my then boyfriend Jimmy Reichrath. She welcomed me with so much love. Over the next 43 i continued to enjoy visits with her. My only regret is not making time to vidit her more the last few years. She was a living example of Jesus Christ! She will be missed but she is rejoicing now with her Savior in Heaven. My prayers are with the family.*

Cindy Reichrath - June 01, 2015 at 02:16 PM



“ *Cindy Reichrath lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Blessing*



Cindy Reichrath - June 01, 2015 at 02:10 PM



“ *Deanna Crombar lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Blessing*



Deanna Crombar - May 31, 2015 at 02:58 PM

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“ I have so many memories of my Grandma Blessing. Growing up, during summer, all of us cousins would spend some time together on the farm with them. Grandma and Grandpa knew how to keep all of us inline. Collecting eggs with Grandma; Working in the garden; Picking flowers; Washing the cars just to play in the water; Riding on the tractor with Grandpa; Feeding Ruby calf; Waling across the field to Great Grandma Blessing's house; Visiting with Great Grandma Lewis and going to town shopping or to get ice cream. Oh yeah and planting our gum ball trees we hauled from Missouri to Illinois. So many memories but one of my all time favorites will always be sitting under the trees out front as a family regardless whether we were talking, laughing, crying or venting but usually celebrating a birthday or holiday and eating home made ice cream or water melon. Thank you Grandma and Grandpa for all of life's experiences. You taught us many things but the main one is the importance of family and the meaning of love. You are now living the eternal life with Grandpa, Arvin and your parents. I know you're smiling down on us and will continue to live with us every day. Until we meet again, I will live my life to continue to make you proud. Love you always! Deanna & family.

Deanna Crombar - May 31, 2015 at 02:54 PM

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“ Mary Alice and my late mother, Dorothy (Stephens) Thompson, were special friends from a young age and bridesmaids in each other's weddings. As Mom's health declined, Mary Alice remained a true friend and visited her often. She was a very special lady and will be missed.

Heartfelt condolences to the Blessing family.

Linda Thompson

Linda Thompson - May 30, 2015 at 03:29 PM