



(Mary) Joann Clarke

September 21, 1933 - June 14, 2014

Joann Clarke, 80, of DeSoto, passed away at 9:22 p.m. Saturday, June 14, 2014, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

Joann was born on September 21, 1933, in Sesser, Illinois, to Ivan Kirkpatrick and Genevieve (Bennett) Kirkpatrick.

She was a homemaker

Mrs. Clarke was a member of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in DeSoto and a member of the Eastern Star. She had been a former member of the DeSoto PTA and had served as an Election Judge for a many years.

Joann married L. Gene Clarke on May 3, 1953, in Piggott, Arkansas, and he preceded her in death on June 2, 2005.

She is survived by three children and their spouses David and Sue Clarke and Jim and Martha Clarke, all of Murphysboro and Sue and Mike Jennings of DeSoto;

nine grandchildren Matt Clarke and his wife Amy, Melissa Petersen and her husband Will Petersen, Micah Clarke, Jerusha Clarke, Danielle Fisher and her husband Andy Fisher, Madelynn Clarke, Abigail Clarke, Bryan Jennings and

Brittany Jennings;

four great grandchildren Maci, Emma, and Quincy Petersen, and Olivia Clarke;

three sister in laws Frances Kirkpatrick of Mt. Vernon, Flo Kirkpatrick of Johnston City, and Shirley Wantland and her husband Burdett Wantland of GA;

two brother in laws and their wives Steve and Bonnie Clarke and Larry and Barbara Clarke, all of Mt. Vernon;

and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers William and Tom Kirkpatrick, one sister and her husband Iva Jean and Jess W. White, Jr., two half brother Kenny Kirkpatrick and Melvin Bennett, a brother in law and his wife Don and Betty Clarke, and her parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 20, 2014, at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in DeSoto with Rev. Laura Kamprath officiating and burial at DeSoto Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday at the church. The family would prefer that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church or Hospice of Southern Illinois, Inc. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *(Mary) Joann Clarke*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *David, Jim, Sue:*

You have my sympathy in the passing of your mother. May GOD give you HIS peace which surpasses ALL understanding.

Jim and Sue,

You may not remember me but my sister Terry and I worked for Larry Clarke at Reaban's in Du Quoin way, way back in the 1970's. I do remember both of you though.

Steve

Stephen Moss - June 20, 2014 at 10:22 AM