



## Villa "Imogene" Franklin

November 6, 1926 - July 8, 2016

Villa "Imogene" (Hickam) Franklin, 89, of Murphysboro, passed away at 1:20 p.m. Friday, July 8, 2016, at the Anchor Assisted Living in Marion, Illinois.

Villa was born on November 6, 1926, in Pomona, Illinois, to Cleve Hickam and Effie (Hoover) Hickam.

She had worked for thirty four years as a licensed practical nurse at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

Mrs. Franklin was a member of Murdale Baptist Church in Carbondale.

She loved to garden and to go camping, but she especially like to spend time with her family.

Imogene married Herbert "Fat" Franklin on July 31, 1941, in Jackson, Missouri. He preceded her in death on April 12, 2004.

She is survived by five children and their spouses: Charles and Margaret Franklin of Pekin, Jack and Shirley Franklin of Carbondale, Larry and Debbie Franklin of Royalton, Clifton and Beverly Franklin of Virden, Sharon and Ralph Brunkhorst of Elkhville, and Bruce Hickam, whom she raised, of Carterville;

eighteen grandchildren, twenty-eight great grandchildren and one great great grandson;

and one brother Wilbert Dean "Webb" Hickam of Vergennes.

She was preceded in death by one son and daughter in law Grover and Jean Franklin, one daughter in law Paula Franklin, two grandchildren Brian Franklin and Emma Jo Brunkhorst, seven brothers, three sisters, and her parents.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, 2016, at Pettett Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Gray officiating with burial at Murdale Gardens of Memory. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and until 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois, Inc. For more information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Villa "Imogene" Franklin

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss.

**Barb & Chuck Cason** - July 13, 2016 at 10:31 AM



“ Mom told me today about this. Very sorry for your loss. Jason

**Jason Westhafer** - July 13, 2016 at 12:02 AM



“ So sorry to hear of AuntImy passing She is flying with her Angel family and will be waiting for you all Wish I could be there to say good by but as I am fighting cancer and am not looking myself I will send my and Terry's love He can give her a big welcome himself as she gets her new healthy body in Christ!

**Katie Hickam** - July 12, 2016 at 11:30 PM



“ Sharon and Larry, I'm so sorry I couldn't be there as you say goodbye to Aunt Imogene....my thoughts and prayers will be with you all. Love Diane

**Diane Hickman** - July 11, 2016 at 07:50 PM

GW

“ Charlie, sorry for your lost. I will always remember how welcome she made me feel in her home. She was truly a lovely lady. Gary

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**gary westhafer** - July 10, 2016 at 09:57 PM

MD

“ To all the Franklin family: You are all in my prayers..Sorry for your loss

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**Margartet Dudley** - July 10, 2016 at 05:49 PM

CW

“ To all the Franklin family: You are all in my prayers. I was very sorry to hear of Imogene's passing. We all shared many memories, both good and bad.

Love,  
Carol Wehmeyer

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**Carol Wehmeyer** - July 09, 2016 at 10:21 PM

SS

“ Sharon and Ralph I'm so sorry for yor loss. Wish we could be there. Love you both.

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**Scott and Sherry Swalek** - July 09, 2016 at 05:48 PM