



Mabel I. Van Gilder

December 2, 1929 - July 8, 2017

Mabel I. Van Gilder, age 87, of Kankakee, passed away Saturday, July 8, 2017 at her home.

She was born December 2, 1929 in Ford County, the daughter of Ulysses George & Edna Pearle Murphy Curwick.

Mabel married Earl Lloyd Van Gilder on July 5, 1947 in Kankakee. He preceded her in death January 25, 2002.

Her family was her life, especially her children and her grandchildren.

She enjoyed cooking and baking, especially baking cookies and fudge. Mabel also liked gardening and canning.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Everett Van Gilder of Diamond, Fred & Marsha Van Gilder of Bradley, and Raymond & Sharon Van Gilder of Bonfield; three daughters and three sons-in-law, Joyce & Dan Benjamin of Kankakee, Bonnie & Jack Kohl of Manteno, and Bonita & Glenn Morton of Salem, WI; three sisters, Carol Ginger of Bradley, Mary Bowen of Phoenix, AZ, and Betty Hardy of New Hartford, NY; one brother, Delbert Curwick of Kankakee; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-eight great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and one aunt, Maxine Wagner of Bradley.

In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by four sons, Roger, Earl Eugene, Vernon, and Kevin; one daughter-in-law, Margaret Van Gilder; four brothers, Charles, Donald, Paul, and Joseph; and four sisters, Lela, LaVona, Shirley, and Florence.

Visitation will be held 4:00 -8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2017.

Interment will follow at Bonfield Cemetery in Bonfield.

Memorials may be made to the Leukemia Society.

Cemetery

Bonfield Cemetery

Bonfield, IL, 60913