



Florence Dreeke

November 28, 1909 - March 15, 2006

Florence Dreeke -- Bradley Services for Florence L. Dreeke, 96, of Bradley, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the chapel at Mound Grove Gardens, Kankakee. Rev. Kathy Sweet will officiate. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens. Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, is in charge of arrangements. She died Wednesday (March 15, 2006) at Bradley Royale Health Care Center. Mrs. Dreeke was employed at Woolworths, Montgomery Ward and Aldens. She was born Nov. 28, 1909, in Mound City, the daughter of Leonard and Cora Madden Gowers. Her first husband, Don Wheeler, whom she married in 1929, in Kankakee, died in 1969. She then married Arthur Dreeke Aug. 7, 1973 in Kankakee. He died in 1998. She was a former member of Asbury United Methodist Church, the Women of the Moose and the Senior Citizens. She enjoyed traveling and was an avid bowler. Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Alan and Glenda Dreeke of Russell Springs Ky. and Todd Dreeke of Kankakee; two daughters and one son-in-law, Leslie Balthazor of Clifton and Elaine and Jerry Clark of Bourbonnais; 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. One son-in-law, Ronald Balthazor, is deceased.

Tribute Wall



“ FLORENCE USED TO SIT AT THE SAME TABLE AS MY MOM FOR MEALS. WHEN I WOULD VISIT AT SUPPER TIME SHE AND THE OTHER LADIES THEIR WOULD WANT ME TO GET THEM A BIB AND A NAPKIN. IT BECAME A ROUTINE. SHE DIDN'T SPEAK MUCH BUT SHE WAS A SWEET PERSON. MY GRANDDAUGHTER WHO IS 9 GAVE HER SOMETHING FOR CHRISTMAS AND AT FIRST WHEN SHE TRIED TO GIVE IT TO HER, SHE DIDN'T WANT IT BUT WE TOLD HER IT WAS FOR HER AND SHE GOT A BIG SMILE ON HER FACE AND HER EYES STARTED TO GET MOIST. SHE WAS A SWEET PERSON TO KNOW AND I COULDN'T BELIEVE HOW SHE WALKED AROUND WITH HER WALKER AT HER AGE. I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT I AM SO SORRY THAT SHE PASSED AWAY, AND THAT YOUR FAMILY ARE IN MY PRAYERS.

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