



Lesley Ernestine Hayes

October 19, 2016 - October 2, 2005

Dr. Lesley Ernestine Crooks Hayes, 88, of St. Anne, died Sunday (Oct. 2, 2005) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home, St. Anne, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Rev. Edward Pyle will officiate. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the Nature Conservancy. Dr. Hayes was a retired cytologist at St. James Hospital, Chicago Heights. She was born Oct. 19, 1916, in Cisne, the daughter of Rev. Ernest Lesley and Ruth Howe Crooks. Her husband, Dr. Edward Hayes, whom she married June 4, 1944, is deceased. She received a bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University and taught school in Dixon. She then received her master of science degree from Northwestern University and her doctorate in botany from Ohio State University. She enjoyed bird watching, gardening and photography. Surviving are one son-in-law, Kenneth Kesicki of St. Anne; one brother, Dr. Charles W. Crooks of Carlsbad, N.M.; and many nieces and nephews. Deceased are one daughter, Martha Kesicki; and two sisters, Jean Best and Marguerite Pyle.

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I first met Ernestine over fifty years ago when we became neighbors and were neighbors for many years. ĩ½Our son and Martha were great friends and playmates. ĩ½Dr. Edward delivered both my children and knew us very well also. ĩ½Did not see Ernestine alot in the last few years but thought of her often. ĩ½I am sure that she will be grrreatly missed by friends and relatives.##imported-begin##lone Hebert##imported-end##

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“ I was sorry to hear that Ernestine had passed away. I did not hear until it was too late for me to attend the services or funeral. She has been a friend of my families since we first moved to the Kankakee area in 1946. Her husband and my grandfather were good friends, and my grandmother (Margaret O'Brien) had remained best friends with Ernestine right up until my grandmother's death 4 years ago. I have known Ernestine for all of my life and will very much miss her. My prayers and thoughts will be with you. Sincerely, Doug Morgan

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