



Madeline Phillips

June 30, 1920 - September 25, 2015

Madeline Phillips, age 95, of Kankakee, passed away Friday, September 25, 2015 at Presence Our Lady of Victory Nursing Home in Bourbonnais. She was born June 30, 1920 in Bible Grove, MO, the daughter of William & Alta Hunter Blaine. She married Leo Phillips July 21, 1940 in Queen City, Mo. He preceded her in death January 24, 2014.

Madeline was a homemaker and past co-owner of Phillips Press. She was a member of Central Christian Church in Bourbonnais, where she was an Elder Emeritus. She sang in the church choir, was a Sunday school teacher, a youth sponsor, and a long time member of the church's bowling team. She was the past president of Christian Women's Fellowship and the past president of the State wide Christian Women's Fellowship. Madeline was a member of P.E.O., the Rebecca Lodge, and the Zonta Club. Madeline was a scout leader, a member of the Riverside Auxiliary, and a volunteer at Riverside Medical Center. She was a volunteer and made deliveries for Meals on Wheels. She was also a long time member of the Jolly Sam's RV Camping Club. After retirement, Madeline and her husband worked at the Trailer Life Publishing Company for twenty years. Also, after retirement, Madeline and her husband were winter Texans. She mentored elementary students while in Texas.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, William & Mary Phillips of Fleming Island, FL; two daughters and one son-in-law, Sandra Wadley of Bradley; Jan

& Dave Savage of Bloomington; her “adopted daughter”, Ellie Guenette of Bradley; one sister, Maxine Brewer of Bible Grove, MO; five grandchildren, Douglas & Kelli Wadley of Bourbonnais, Amy & Gary Reiss of Curlew, WA, Laurel & Tom Kelecious of Lakewood, David & Julie Phillips of Wake Forrest, NC, and Tara & Brian Fleming of Bloomington; 17 great-grandchildren, Zachary & Natalie Wadley of Normal, Nathan Wadley of Bourbonnais, Spencer, Anna, Emma, Joshua, and Elizabeth Reiss all of Curlew, WA, Catherine, Madeliene, Reilly, Reid, Bennett, Griffin, Tessa, and Genevieve Kelecious all of Lakewood, Annabelle Phillips of Wake Forrest, NC, Faith Fleming of Bloomington; one great-granddaughter on the way, Tenley Fleming; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; six brothers; and five sisters.

Visitation will be held 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at Central Christian Church in Bourbonnais. The Rev. Robert Bushey Jr. will officiate the service. Interment will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Aroma Township. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or Presence Our Lady of Victory Nursing Home. Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais.

Memorials to Hospice of Kankakee Valley - www.hkvcares.org

Presence Our Lady of Victory Nursing Home - www.presencehealth.org/ourladyofvictory

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Central Christian Church
310 Main St. NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 939-4433

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Madeline always had a smile for me and would call me the "Preacher Lady". She will be missed by many with her smile. My prayers are with you also, her loving family. Blessings in sharing your mother with us, Sr. Martha Harrington,sscm*

Sr.Martha Harrington,sscm - October 05, 2015 at 04:00 PM

MT

“ *May God's peace and comfort fill you at this sad time - sad for us missing a lovely lady, joyous for her in her homecoming and reunion with Leo. Hugs and prayers are with you and may your wonderful memories bring smiles.*



Mary Thomson - October 05, 2015 at 03:41 PM

RB

“ *Aunt Madeline and Uncle Leo were great people. Always enjoyed visiting with them. Great examples of what a Christian should be. What a reunion in heaven! Joy and perfect health for eternity! Thanks be to God.*

Reese and Barb Blaine - October 01, 2015 at 09:18 AM

MB

“ *I remember Aunt Madeline and how glad she was to see us at family reunions. She told us stories about growing up with her siblings. We will remember her smile and the way she cared about others.*

Mike and Pam Blaine

Mike and Pam Blaine - October 01, 2015 at 08:53 AM

MB

“ Aunt Madeline and Uncle Leo were always 2 of my favorites. She always had a welcoming smile and was quick to offer a hug.
Myrna

Myrna Blaine - October 01, 2015 at 08:39 AM

LK

“ She is walking the gardens of Heaven now, but she will be missed here on Earth . A lovely lady, always had a smile on her face,My sympathy to her loving family (((HUG)))

Loretta Krutsinger - September 28, 2015 at 01:21 PM

BR

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Mrs. Phillips while she was at Presence Our Lady of Victory. She was a sweet lady. Every day she would stop by the desk and ask to read the newspaper. She was so soft spoken and there was always a smile on her face. She will be missed.

Bonnie

Bonnie Ross - September 27, 2015 at 09:00 AM