



## Mae Mardelle Hertz

April 3, 1922 - November 10, 2016

Mae Mardelle Hertz (Marty), age 94, of Kankakee, IL passed away on Thursday Nov. 10, 2016 at Presence Heritage Village, Kankakee, IL where she had been a resident for the past 5 months.

Mrs. Hertz was born April 3, 1922, in Chatsworth, IL. the daughter of Elmer and Flora Perkins Gray. Her husband Charles B. Hertz whom she married on Dec 28, 1941 preceded her in death after 53 years of marriage.

She was a homemaker most of her life but did work for General Foods after her children were gone. During WWII she worked at Kroehlers and the Bear Brand in the Kankakee area. Marty enjoyed water coloring, word games, and latch-hooking for many years. She was a deaconess and served on the women's committee for weddings and funerals at Central Christian Church.

Surviving children include: Sons Jed (Sarah Campbell) Hertz of Kankakee; and Paul Hertz of Champaign. Two daughters: Pam (Michael) Smith of Marshfield, WI, and Mary (Gassman) Christiansen of Bourbonnais, IL.

Surviving grandchildren include : David (Jennifer) Smith of Marshfield, WI; Holly (Greg) Perez of Sharpsburg, GA; Brent (Nicole) Gassman of Highlands Ranch, CO; Emily (Steven) DeGrush of Arvada, CO and Laura (Tom) Olson of Peoria, IL. Also surviving are nine great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother: Emmett Gray and two sisters: Genevieve DiCarlo and Katheleen Understahl. In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by her husband's brother and sisters.

A memorial service will be held at a future date. We would like to thank

Hospice of Kankakee Valley and the friendly and caring staff of Presence Heritage Village for their compassionate care.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Karen Jackson Riml - November 17, 2016 at 01:20 PM

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Karen Jackson Riml - November 17, 2016 at 01:21 PM

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“ *My grandma was a very wise lady....she always had a calm, down to earth, thoughtful response to the most puzzling questions the grandkids would ask, or during one of the epic family discussions in the family room under the grandfather clock. She would have a strong opinion but listen to others. She was kind and considerate of all people. But, man, you better behave. I remember having to sit under the phone in the kitchen and watch her cook whenever I had done something that required what would eventually be called a timeout in our day. But, those times rarely ended up being punishment, because she would eventually start talking to you about something, asking you about your life, or pull out something sweet from the Twinkie drawer! She was a tough lady who had all the compassion in the world. Grandma, you were a great role model, even though you never let me win at Rummy. Rest in peace.*

*Love David*

Dave Smith - November 14, 2016 at 10:03 PM

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“ Oh Mrs. Hertz! I will always cherish those summer evenings, sitting on your back steps while you and Mr. Hertz sat in those wonderful old metal lawn chairs. I probably bugged the heck out of you both, but you both impacted my life in such a wonderful way. You will be missed.

*Love, Angela Cotsones Shea*

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**Angela Shea** - November 11, 2016 at 10:59 AM