



Verna Eleanor Hensley

December 30, 1917 - April 3, 2013

Verna Hensley, 95 years young, passed away April 3, 2013, at Presence St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee.

Mrs. Hensley was born Dec. 30, 1917, in Red Lodge, Mont., the daughter of Esther Kosky Norton and Jack Norton. She married Lt. Col. Joseph Hensley and had one daughter, Eleanor Hensley Wertz.

Mrs. Hensley enjoyed a full life filled with travel and adventure. Her husband was stationed in multiple countries throughout his commission in the Air Corps. She started the first Girl Scout troop in Okinawa, Japan, which is still in existence today. Mrs. Hensley had a great attitude toward life and lived it with passion and grace. She consistently shared her memories with her family and friends. Verna was an avid reader who kept a journal of the thousands of books that she read throughout her life. Grams memory remained impressively sharp until she was reunited with her friends and family who walked her home.

Mrs. Hensley was a generous, giving and loving person who will be greatly missed by her family, grandchildren, Carrie (Steve) Sloan, Martha Wertz, Dr. Joseph (Sheree) Wertz, Stephen Wertz, Dr. David Wertz, Kate Shea Wertz, Tracie Ridder Wertz, Merry McMahon Wertz; and her great-grandchildren, Brian Sloan, Stevie Sloan, Catherine Sloan, Patrick Wertz, Faith Wertz, Ivy

and Abby Wertz.

She was preceded in death by Joseph Hensley, Eleanor Hensley Wertz, Robert A. Wertz, Robert Hensley Wertz and Robert Joseph Wertz.

Cremation rites were accorded. Private services will be held. Memorials may be made to Easter Seals or to the Bourbonnais Public Library. Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dr. Wertz, Sheree and Faith,
We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your
Grandmother. May God comfort you during
your time of grief. May your memories of good
times and love bring you peace.
Faith & Kevin Spivey*



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