



Barbara VanDoren

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Barbara 'Babs' VanDoren, 82, passed away 12:35 a.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at her residence.

Born in Moro on February 22, 1932, she was the daughter of Leslie Earl, Sr. and Laura (Ernhardt) Sawyer.

She had worked in the Special Education Department for Roxana School District over 20 years before retiring.

On August 23, 1952 in Wood River, she married Franklin VanDoren. He died October 9, 2011.

Surviving are three sons, Dan VanDoren of Batchtown, Tim VanDoren (companion, Pam Camerer) of Portage, IN, Bob VanDoren (companion, Laura Lively) of Arnold, MO; two daughters, Lea (Richard) Bergschneider of Franklin, IL, Elise 'Tish' (Sean) Emerick of Bethalto; 13 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Peggy Balsters of Glen Carbon.

Preceding in death were her parents; husband; son, David Joel VanDoren; grandson, Timothy Glenn VanDoren; daughter-in-law, Barbara VanDoren; three brothers, Leslie, Jr., John and George Sawyer; and a sister, Molly Scroggins.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of service at 12 p.m. Saturday, January 10 at Marks Mortuary in Wood River. Rev. Steve Disney will officiate.

Burial will follow in Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

