

Betty Hayes

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Betty Lu (Johnston) Hayes, died at 6:08 p.m. Saturday, January 24, 2015 at Eunice Smith Nursing Home under the care of BJC Hospice. Born April 30, 1927 in Alton, she was the daughter of Allan and Lu Lu (Gaither) Johnston. She went through the Alton school system and graduated from Alton High School in 1944. In her later years she worked at Walnut Grove Dairy, Crane Furniture Store, Olin Mathieson, and retired from Griffith Morgan Distributors. On July 31, 1948 she married Cletus "Squeak" Hayes by the Reverend Paul Brown at the Methodist Parsonage in Alton. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, two sons, Bill Hayes and his companion Sonya Joseph of Eureka, MO, and Pat Hayes of Alton. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Erin and Matt Grieshaber of St. Charles, MO, and Corey and Jennifer Hayes of St. Charles, MO, three great grand grandchildren, Luke and Beck Grieshabar and Harper Hayes, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Allan "Bud" Johnston, and two sisters, Alyes Ziegenfuss and Martha "Mitney" Mathus. She was a member of the American Legion Post 126 Auxiliary, the VFW Post 1308 Auxiliary, and the Alton Moose 951. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Monday, January 26, 2015 at Gent Funeral Home where funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 27, 2015. Reverend Don E. Long Jr. will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the VFW Post 1308. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

