



Alberta Hammond

East Alton | Wednesday, March 18 2015

Alberta Hammond, 84, went to be with the Lord at 1:38 am Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at Alton Memorial Hospital in Alton.

She was born on May 21, 1930 in Blytheville, AR, the daughter of Herman and Elizabeth (Reams) Downing.

She married Cleo G. Hammond on August 27, 1948 in Alton, IL. He preceded her in death on December 20, 1979. In 1990 she married Robert Pollard. He preceded her in death in April 1994.



Alberta was a homemaker. She was a member of Beltline Christian Center in Alton where she was very active. She enjoyed traveling, yard work, especially her flowers and most of all spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Kevin and Myril Hammond of Rockmart, GA, Stan and Christy Hammond of Rosewood Heights, Fonda and John Starbuck of Wood River; a daughter-in-law, Jan Hammond of Godfrey; a nephew, Lanny Pollard of Lansing, MI, who was raised as her son; eleven grandchildren, Andrea, Amy, Kristin, Carissa, Jenna, Alex, Jenny, Stephanie, Craig, Melissa and Michelle; seventeen great grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Bernice and Gene Bohannon of Decatur, IL; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Libby Downing of Fosterburg and Harold and Brenda Downing of South Carolina and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by a son, Dr. Dale Hammond, two sisters, Lavada Pollard and Bonnie Nadine Fitzgibbons.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 pm Friday, March 20, 2015 at Elias Kallal Schaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 am Saturday, March 21, 2015 at Beltline Christian Center in Alton with Rev. Harold Downing officiating.

Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto.

Memorials may be made to Beltline Christian Center in Alton.

Online condolence and guestbook may be found at www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com.