



Doris Cox

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Doris Jean Cox, 89, passed away at 4:28 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at Alton Memorial Hospital under the loving care of BJC Hospice.

Born Feb. 15, 1926 in Nebo, Ill., she was the daughter of John H. and Dora M. (Stevens) Stark.

She married Gordon Cheely Jan. 10, 1947 at the 1st Baptist Church in East Alton. He passed away Feb. 10, 1962. She later married Orbie Cox on Apr. 12, 1967 at the former St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Wood River. He also preceded her in death on Apr. 30, 1990.

Survivors include a daughter, Karen (Michael) Jeffreys of Bethalto; a son, Kevin (Cindy) Cheely of Holiday Shores; 2 grandsons, Matthew (Angel) Armstrong and Blake Cheely and 2 granddaughters, Mallorie Jeffreys and Hannah Cheely; and stepchildren, Barbara, Lydia, Patricia, Andrea and Christopher.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Anita Lois (Stark) Lovell; and 2 brothers, Cecil Burdette Stark and Maurice "Cotton" Stark.

Jean was a loving daughter, mother, aunt, and grandmother. She loved all her friends and had an exceptional relationship with her childhood friend, Jenny McCleery. She thoroughly enjoyed her longtime neighbors and her special friends at Villa Rose. Jean delighted in cooking for her family, playing Pounce with her son and his friends, and Skip-Bo with the extended family. The Cardinals have lost an avid fan, as she and friend Mary Hartman never missed watching a game! She will be missed.

Jean made a generous gift of her body to the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

The family will hold a memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 23 at the 1st Baptist Church in Bethalto. Pastor Chip Faulkner will officiate.

According to her wishes, Jean wanted no flowers, but she would be happy for memorials to be given to Operation Blessing.

Professional services entrusted to Paynic Home for Funeral, with an online guestbook at www.paynicfh.com