



# Maryella Riddlespriger

**Alton | Thursday, October 1 2015**

Maryella Riddlespriger was born on December 14, 1931 the daughter of Clarence and Mary Gray in Jacksonville, IL. She was the only child born to this union. Maryella married Irvin Wallace Riddlespriger Sr. on January 3, 1954 and they shared sixty-one years of marriage until she was called home on October 1, 2015 at the age of 83 years old. She was preceded in death by her parents, but she is survived by six children; Veralee Riddlespriger Smith (Wardine Smith) of Peoria, IL, Irvin Riddlespriger Jr. (Diane) of Godfrey, IL, Ray Riddlespriger of Alton, IL, Ella L. Riddlespriger Mills of Alton, IL, Danny Riddlespriger (Antoinette), of Killeen, TX, and Joe Riddlespriger (Debbie) of Alton, IL. Maryella also leaves to mourn 17 grandchildren, 15 great children and a host of nieces and nephews. After graduating from Jacksonville High, she went on to cosmetology school to become a licensed cosmetologist. When Maryella and Irvin started their family, they agreed she would work in their home to rear their six children. She was always by her husband's side and she was extremely instrumental in their family business Riddlespriger's Upholstery. Maryella gained other work experience outside of the home as a domestic engineer. Upon her union with Irvin Wallace, they joined Tabernacle Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of the late Pastor A.C. Hall. She was an active member of Tabernacle and played the piano and organ for their services. She later joined Bethel Temple Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Irvin Wallace Riddlespriger Sr. Maryella was a pianist, mother of the church, and choir director. Visitation Thursday October 8, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Tabernacle Baptist Church. Visitation to continue on Friday from 9:00 a.m. until time of service at 10 a.m. also at the church. Pastor Freddy J. Clark eulogist. Burial Upper Alton Cemetery