



Mary Simpkins-Chavours

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Mary E. Simpkins-Chavours, age 70, passed away Saturday, October 24, 2015, at St. Anthony's Health Care Center in Alton. She was born September 4, 1945, in Zeigler, IL, the daughter of Albert and Mary (Farkas) Simpkins. She married Jesse E. Chavours in June of 1998 in Alton and he preceded her in death in August of 2013. Mary had worked at Midtown Restaurant as a cook for many years. She then became a lab technician at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Granite City, and then at St. Anthony's Health Care Center in Alton. Mary loved cooking, sewing, knitting, and crocheting. She enjoyed going to amusement parks and had a genuine zest for life. Mary loved all animals. Her greatest joy was her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by a daughter, Jesse Mae Chavours of Alton; two stepsons, Dwight Chavours of Chicago, and Daryl Chavours of Springfield, IL; two stepdaughters, Desmalene Chavours of Chicago, Michelle Chavours of Chicago; thirteen grandchildren; and twenty-four great-grandchildren; a sister; a brother; and many other friends and relatives. In addition to her husband, Jesse; she is preceded in death by her parents; and a brother. Visitation will be held Tuesday, October 27, 2015, from 4 to 8:00 pm at Elias, Kallal and Schaaf Funeral Home in Alton. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at 10:00 am at the funeral home. Burial will take place in Upper Alton Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences and guest book may be found at www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com

