



JoAnn Hamel

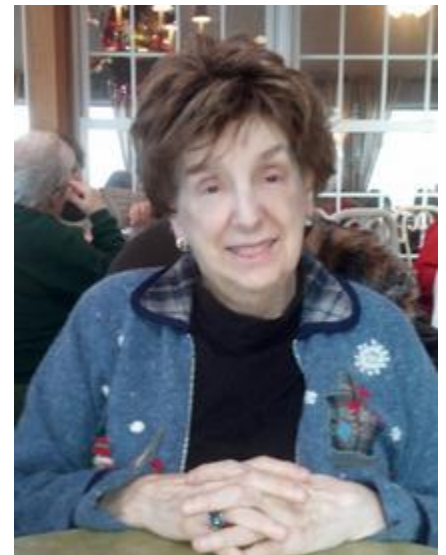
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JoAnn Hamel, 80, passed away 11:02 a.m. Thursday, December 24, 2015 at her residence.

Born on December 30, 1934 in Galveston Island, TX, she was the daughter of Stephen and Josephine (Marchesi) Kotlarich.

She had been a teacher and substitute teacher in the Alton School District before servings as music director at Cherry St. Baptist Church and then Congregational Church. She also performed with the "Sweet Adelines".

On June 7, 1957 in Galveston, she married Ivan 'Fred' Hamel. He died March 15, 2002.



Surviving are a son, John (Tamara) Hamel of Dittmer, MO; daughter, Mary Hamel of Edwardsville; two grandchildren, Brittani (Bill) Sheldon, Clint (Samantha) Hamel; four great grandchildren, Elayna and Sydney Sheldon, Elysa and Alice Hamel; brother, Stephen Kotlarich of LaMarque, TX; and two sisters, MaryMezzino of Galveston, TX, Camille King of LaMarque, TX.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, William and Henry Tiechman; three sisters, Artie Cappolino and two in infancy.

Graveside services and burial will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 2 at McGee Chapel Cemetery near Glenallen, MO. Rev. Gary Mossiman will officiate.

Memorials may be made to Wanda United Methodist Church, where she had bee a member.

Marks Mortuary in Wood River is in charge of arrangements.