



# Ruth Determan

**Wood River | Friday, February 19 2016**

Ruth Maxine Determan, 89, of Wood River, Illinois passed away at 3:15 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2016 at Integrity of Wood River. She was born August 1, 1926 in St. Louis, Missouri, a daughter of the late Leonard and Grace (Hopkins) Caldwell. She had touched and guided many lives through over 30 years as a teacher. She had taught many years at Wood River High School in Physical Education and later at Collinsville High School in Business Education. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bethalto. Ruth enjoyed sewing, watching the St. Louis Cardinals and attending class reunions through the years. She and her husband enjoyed their years of traveling and square dancing and were members of the Rings Hoe Downers. In addition to her beloved husband of 66 years, she is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, David and Sue Determan of Wood River; daughter-in-law, Pamela Determan of Wood River; four grandchildren and spouses, Jay Kemp, Jill and Chris Rosecrans, Dax Determan, Edgar Determan and Denny Determan; four great grandchildren, Jesse Kemp, Pearl Determan, Daisy Determan and Dax Wolfgang Determan; sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Donald Palubiak of St. Louis sister-in-law, Ramona Determan of Wood River; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Richard and Alice Determan of Irving, Texas; sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Donald Palubiak of St. Louis; many nieces; nephews; numerous beloved students; other extended family and many special friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Douglas and Dennis Determan and a sister, Elaine Talbot.

In celebration of her life, memorial visitation will be at Pitchford Funeral Home, 2555 Vaughn Road in Wood River on Sunday, February 28, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. until time of memorial service at 5:00 p.m. with Reverend Charles West officiating. Memorials may be made to BJC Hospice and may be accepted at the funeral home. Online guestbook available at [www.pitchfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.pitchfordfuneralhome.com)