

Mildred Miller

Alton | Sunday, April 10 2016

Mildred Miller, 86, died peacefully on Sunday, April 10th, at 12:45 p.m. at Willow Rose Nursing Home in Jerseyville, after a lengthy illness. She was born Mildred Clara Dresel on August 28, 1929 in Freeburg, Missouri to Louis and Ida (Schneider) Dresel. She completed school until the tenth grade. When she left home she went to work as a nursing assistant at St. Mary's Health Center in Jefferson City, MO. She then worked for a family-owned dry cleaners, where she met her soon-to-be sister-in-law, Leora McCrea. She married Alman L. Miller on September 3rd, 1951 at St. Peter's Church in Jefferson City, MO. They moved to Alton where Alman's parents were living and went to work at Wardein Dry Cleaners until the birth of John. She remained a homemaker until Alman's death on June 21st, 1988. She then went to work at Saint Anthony's Health Center as a housekeeper on OB until she retired in 2000 to care for her grandchild, Sam, then Anna two years later. She was known for her gardening, especially her tomatoes and flowers, her homemade pies, quilting, crocheting, and she was an avid reader, and of course, a Cardinals fan! She is survived by four children: John (Anne) Miller of Hyattsville, Maryland; James (Cathy) Miller of Godfrey; Julie Miller of Alton; and Joseph (Sheila) Miller of Kirkwood, Missouri; grandchildren Margaret Miller; Kateri Miller; Marie-Therese Miller; Thomas Miller; Jason (Janice) Hooper; Teresa (Joe) Pisciotta; Joshua (Laura) Hooper; Jordan Watkins; Chelsea Watkins; Samuel Miller; Anna Miller; and great-grandchildren, Logan, Caden, Emily, and Joshua; a sister, Stella Brewer of Westphalia, MO; a brother and sister-in-law; William and Dorothy Dresel of Freeburg, MO; a sister-in-law, Alice Miller of San Mateo, California; nieces and nephews. Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Susan, and in-laws, Leora and Mose McCrea, Otis Miller, Marvin Miller, and Nelson Brewer. Visitation will be on Friday, April 15 from 4 to 8 pm at Staten, Kallal & Schaaf Funeral Home in Alton, with the chanting of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:30. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on



Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with Fr. John Paul Klein, OMV, officiating. Burial will follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Alton. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations for Masses, to Senior Services Plus, INC in Alton, or to Madison County Catholic Charities. The family would like to express thanks to Dr. John Hoelscher, Dr. Mark Klucka, Dr. Saad Bitar, and to the many health care workers in town and at Barnes who have cared for Mom these past few years. In particular, thanks to BJC Hospice and Willow Rose Rehab and Health Care in Jerseyville for treating Mom as if she was their own. Online condolences and guest book may be found at www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com