



# Ida Helmkamp

**Bethalto | Wednesday, June 29 2016**

Ida Mae Helmkamp, 87, passed away at 6:40 pm Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at Alton Memorial Hospital. She was born November 12, 1928 in Hartford, IL, the daughter of George and Goldie (McClain) Madison. Ida married Vernon L. Helmkamp at Zion Lutheran Church in Bethalto on December 2, 1972. He preceded her in death. Ida was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, the Red Hatters, Lift and New Beginnings Programs, Golden Aires, and First Mid America Platinum Club. She was a lifelong member of VFW post 1308 ladies auxiliary and was a past president of Bethalto Senior Citizens. Ida is survived by two sons, Larry Bechel of Springfield, MO, Tony and wife Cindy Bechel of Luling, LA; daughter in law Betty Bechel; grandchildren Tanya, Ryan, Dawn, Josh, Carrie Amanda, Son, and Tommy; a niece and her husband Linda and Chuck Large; and very close friend Betty Campbell. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son Ronnie Dean Bechel; a grandson Jason Bechel; and a Sister Susie Hamilton. Visitation will be from 9:30 am to 11 am on Saturday, July 2, 2106 at Elias, Kallal and Schaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto. Funeral service will be at 11 am on Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Kale Hanson officiating. Burial will be at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens. Memorials may be made to Operation Blessing. Online condolences and guestbook may be found at [www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com](http://www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com)

