



Edna Copeland

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Born in the Roaring Twenties. Survived the Great Depression. Attended Alton High School during WWII. Those times vaulted Edna “Pug” Copeland’s to a life of faithfulness to her family, friends, church, and Lord. Pug went to be with her Savior, Jesus Christ, at 3 pm on March 15, 2017, in her home with her family and friends surrounding her. She was 87. Pug was born in 1929 to parents William and Julia Miller of Godfrey. Her older sister, Doris, brother, Willis, and younger sister Billie grew up on a farm which featured a civil war-era stone barn where family reunions were held long after their kids were grown. Pug’s parents preceded her in death long ago. Siblings, Doris and Willis, also were waiting for Pug in heaven when she arrived. Younger sister Billie Caveny lives in Gillespie. Pug married Bill Copeland on May 28, 1950. A WWII Navy veteran, he was the centerpiece of her life for nearly 67 years. She listened to his stories over-and-over again, never tiring of them. And oh, how she loved his jokes. Pug started her career as a secretary for the S.L. Moore Insurance Company in Alton. Pug and Bill established Copeland Cabinets in 1952, which they owned and operated for nearly 50 years. Oldest son, Randle, was born at that time, and he now serves with his wife Barbara, as Senior Pastors of City Temple Assembly of God in Granite City, Illinois. Their second son, Barry, born in 1956, is married to Gina. Barry serves as Network Director of the New Life Media radio network in Illinois. She also is survived by her grandchildren Christopher, Sarah, Kiel and Drew, along with great grandchildren, Branden, Reagan, Cameron and Jaden. Pug’s visitation and funeral will be at Gent Funeral Home in Alton, on Saturday with visitation at 9:30 until service time at 11. She will be buried at Short Cemetery in Cottage Hills. She asked that memorial gifts be sent to Abundant Life Christian Center. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com