



# Virginia McPherson

**East Alton | Sunday, July 19 2009**

Virginia Lee McPherson, 81, passed away at 8:55 a.m. Sunday, July 19, 2009 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Born Aug. 26, 1927 in Edwardsville, IL, she was the daughter of Dewey Loyd and Fannie (Anderson) Harper.

She married Daniel McPherson Oct. 10, 1943 in Diehlstadt, Mo. He survives.

An inspector for Owens-Illinois Glass, she retired in 1979 after 28 ½ years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Norma Lee Gayan of East Alton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel H. and Janis McPherson of Sikeston, Mo. and Michael and Pam McPherson of Bethalto; 10 grandchildren, Jared, Karrisa, Justin, Debbie, Tammy, Jimmy and David McPherson, Robbie and Bobbie Gayan, and Gwen Garland; 8 great grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Pat and Harry Buchanan of Cottage Hills; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Stanford and Connie Harper of Bertrand, Mo., Paul and Pam Harper of Jackson, Mo., and Dewey, Jr. and Brenda Harper of Sikeston. As well as a brother, Gary Harper who lives with his wife Kitty in Bertrand.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Edward and Vernon Harper and a daughter, Linda Gross.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 21 at the 1st General Baptist Church of Wood River. Reverends Tracy Montgomery, Dan Smith, and Dena Thompson will conduct services at the church at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 22.

Interment will follow at Woodland Hill Cemetery in East Alton.

Memorials may be made to the 1st General Baptist Church, 1332 Miland St., Wood River, IL 62095.