

Rosemarie Droste

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Rosemarie Droste, 83, passed away at 3:55 am Sunday November 8, 2009 at Eunice Smith Nursing Home in Alton.

She was born on August 1, 1926 in Chicago, IL the daughter of Carl & Ada May (Small) Blankenmeier.

She married William J. Droste on June 17, 1950 in Chicago and he preceded her in death on August 24, 1997.

She worked as an emergency room nurse at Alton Memorial Hospital and also worked as a nurse at Eunice Smith Nursing Home in Alton. She volunteered at Hospice of Southern Illinois, enjoyed cross stitching, and working with geriatrics patients.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara & Larry Bruce of Worden, a son and daughter-in-law, John & Teresa Droste of Edwardsville, four grandchildren and their spouse, Robert & Amy Drost of Warner Robins, GA, Michael Droste and his fiancé Jamie of Collinsville, Melissa & Jason Tutterow of Belleville, and Kathryn Droste of Edwardsville, five great grandchildren, Chase Bruce, Caleb Bruce, Brenden Bruce, Corinna Tutterow, and Joseph Tutterow, one brother, Richard Blankemeier of Scottsdale, AZ.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Louis and Robert Blankemeier.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 am Saturday November 14, 2009 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton with Fr. Shawn Monahan OMV celebrating.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois or the Alzheimer's Association.

Staten-Fine Funeral Home in Alton are in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences and tributes can be found at <http://www.staten-fine.com>.