

# Fay Roberta Blackorby

**Jerseyville | Saturday, February 27 2010**

Fay Roberta Blackorby, 78, died at 6:38 a.m, Saturday, February 27, 2010 at Jersey Community Hospital in Jerseyville, after a short period of failing health.

She was born in Alton on April 21, 1931, the daughter of the late William & AnnDora (Pinkowski) McGiffen.

She was raised in Dow, and was quite a culinary expert. She had previously been employed as a cook on numerous barge lines, as well as working at many of the finest hotels in Chicago, New York City and St. Louis, Mo. In her later years, she had been the dining room manager at Shoney's in Alton, and lastly had been employed as a bartender/waitress at the Elks Lodge in Jerseyville. Fay was formerly married to the late Sloke Blackorby, and together they had two sons., Jeffery Lee Blackory of Jerseyville, and the late Stephen James Blackorby who died Nov. 23, 1995.

Also surviving are three grandchildren, April, and her husband, Tyler Reynolds of Jerseyville, Stephanie Blackorby of Orlando, Fl., and Jeremy Blackorby and his companion, Christina Sprague of Jerseyville; two great grandchildren, Destiny & Allysa; a sister as well as her best friend, Marie Ryan of Jerseyville, and a daughter in law and her husband, Duwana & Rick Dublo of Jerseyville.

In addition to her parents and son, she was preceded in death by a brother, Robert McGiffen; and two sisters, Grace Davidson and Wanda Frasier.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10 a.m., Tuesday at the Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Jerseyville with Father William Hembrow officiating. A Luncheon for family & friends will take place immediately after the mass at the Elks Lodge in Jerseyville.

Memorials may be given to the David C. Pratt Cancer Center at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis, Mo.