



Connie Pelzer

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Connie Lee Pelzer, 76, on June 19, 2010 with her family by her side she gave up the good fight and went home to be with her Lord and Savior.

Connie was the daughter of Elmer "Ozzie" and Gladys (Figgins) Osburn.

She graduated from Alton High School in 1952 and continued her education with Lewis & Clark Community College and graduated in 1984 with a degree in Early Childhood Education.

Connie worked as a glass packer at Owens-Illinois Glass Company in Alton after high school for ten years before becoming a homemaker. Later she was employed with St. Anthony's Hospital as a housekeeper and then as a cook with Hi-Way House, all while attending college and raising a family. After graduation, she became a "grandma" at the William M BeDell Achievement and Resource Center in Wood River. She was a member of the New Testament Fellowship Church She enjoyed crochet, writing, poetry and volunteer work with the Salvation Army in Alton. In 1986 she married Elmer "Buddy" Pelzer who survives.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons, Russell Beers of Johnston City, Daniel (Susan) Beers of Godfrey, and Scott Beers of Alton; two daughters Terri (Bob) Lowrance of Edwardsville, Jennifer (Greg) Baker of Evans, GA; four step children, Mark, Brian, Melody and Robyn Pelzer. She was blessed with eleven grandchildren, Amy & Heather Beers, Eric & Paige Schmidt, Robby and Ryan Lowrance, Chrystal Woods, Keifer, Christian and Sean Baker and Alex Beers, four great grandchildren. In addition, she is survived by two brothers and one brother-in-law, Gary (Maybelle) Osburn of Toledo, OH and Carl (Kay) Osburn of Alton and Jerry Pruitt of Gillespie.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Shelia Pruitt, and a son, Keith Beers.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 pm Wednesday June 23, 2010 at Elias, Kallal and Schaaf Funeral Home in Godfrey.

Cremation rites will follow; inurnment will be private at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Salvation Army in Alton or the Susan G. Komen Foundation.