



Mary Fischer

Alton | Tuesday, November 16 2010

Mary Ellen Fischer of Alton died peacefully Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Alton after a brief illness.



She was born November 26, 1923 in Blair, Illinois, the daughter of David and Mona Starr (Ervin) Jones. She attended Blair Country School and Sparta High School. After graduation she attended Shurtleff College where she met her future husband, Paul M. Fischer. They were married January 29, 1944, in Sparta, IL. She and her husband lived in the Alton area for over fifty years.

She is survived by her husband of sixty-six years, Paul, and four children, Thomas Paul (Cathy) Fischer of Brooklyn, NY, Ann Elisabeth (Dr. David) Athas of Middleton, WI, Dr. John William (Amy) Fischer of Alton, Laura Jane Fischer of Lakewood, CO; seven grandchildren, Andrew Paul (Allegra) Fischer, Rosemary Margherita Fischer, Julie Ann Athas, Laura Elisabeth Athas, Nicholas Robert (Monica) Fischer, Craig Michael (Trisha) Fischer, Kirstin Elizabeth Fischer; great grandchildren Riley Lee Fischer, Grace Margaret Fischer, and James Michael Fischer; and a brother-in-law, Dr. Don A. (Sue) Fischer of Champaign, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her sister, Betty (Mrs. Eugene) Lane, of Tempe, AZ.

A long-time community volunteer in the Alton area, Mary Ellen was a Girl Scout Troop leader, and past president of the River Bluffs Girl Scout Council, an active member and past president of P.E.O. Chapter GG, an active member of College Avenue Presbyterian Church, where she was a member of Ruth Circle, and served as an Elder and a Deacon, and a member and past president of the Alton Community Service League. She also was a member of the Ladies Golf League at Lockhaven Country Club where she scored a hole-in-one on hole number 8 at age 79. She was an avid fisherwoman, and had a stump named in her honor at Wood Lake, Ely, MN.

Visitation will be Friday, November 19, 2010 from 4:00 until 8:00p.m.at Elias, Kallal & Schaaf Funeral Home in Godfrey.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at College Avenue Presbyterian Church in Alton with Rev. Jeff Heil officiating.

Elias, Kallal and Schaaf Funeral Home in Godfrey are in charge of arrangements.

Online tributes and condolences can be found at www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com