



Viola Hopkins

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Viola Hopkins 85, passed away Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Sept. 20, 1926 in Sorento, Ill. to Lawrence Herbert and Bertha Esther (Schneider) Wadeking.

On June 18, 1945 in Cairo, Ill., she married Roy Glenn “RG” Hopkins, who passed away on November 5, 2011. Viola became very lonely for “Glen” after 66 years of marriage, and joined him in heaven just seven months after his passing.

She was a member of the 1st United Methodist Church of Hartford.



Viola was blessed with a natural artistic talent which she put to use as a seamstress and later, as a painter. For years she blessed her daughters with everything from pajamas and school clothes to prom dresses and wedding gowns. Her home’s décor was often filled with her hand-made accessories, and her landscapes and portraits graced the walls.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Julie Hopkins of Goshen, IN 3 daughters and 2 sons-in-law, Barbara Hopkins of Hartford, Rebecca and Charles Batson of Granite City and Colleen and Tod Marmino of Brighton, 3 brothers and a sister-in-law, Calvin Wadeking of Washington State, Jimmy Wadeking of South Roxana and Oren and Irene Wadeking of Hartford, 3 sisters and a brother-in-law, Madge Taylor of Bethalto, Dorothy and Lynn Walker of Athens, Tex. and Vicky Mull of Denver, Colo., sister-in-law Gabriella Wadeking of California, 11 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and many other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 1 brother, Charles Wadeking and 2 sisters, Vera Panyik and Fern McGill.

Visitation will from 4-7 p.m. Monday, June 11 at Paynic Home for Funerals where services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 12. Rev. Charles Schwaab will officiate.

Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto.

Memorials can be made to Locks of Love or the Food Pantry at Operation Blessing.

Online guestbook at www.paynicfh.com