



# Betty Wilkinson

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Betty Marie Wilkinson, 76, died at 11:00 p.m. Monday, October 22, 2012 at VIP Manor in Wood River. Born August 1, 1936 in Alton, she was the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Budde) Hans. She graduated from Marquette High School in 1955. She worked at various places in Godfrey including J.C. Penney, Nautilus Daycare, and the Godfrey Bookstore. On November 19, 1955 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton, she married John Wilkinson. In the late 1960's she and her husband served faithfully as foster parents through Catholic Charities. Her husband preceded her in death on May 7, 1985. Surviving are two daughters, Peggy Podner and her husband Kevin of Godfrey, and Jeanne Wilkinson of Missouri, two sons, Mark Wilkinson and his fiancée, Danielle Elliott of Godfrey, and Mike Wilkinson of Rosewood Heights, five grandchildren, Joshua Wooff, Jon and Jacob Podner, Craig Wilkinson, and Donnie Elliott, two great grandchildren, and one brother, Paul Hans of Godfrey. She adored her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, William Wilkinson, and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Hans. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 25, 2012 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 26, 2012 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Alton. Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)