

Eileen Hardwick

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Eileen LaDoris (Baker) Hardwick, 87, died at 1:28 a.m., Thursday, February 21, 2013, at Jerseyville Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Jerseyville.

She was born in Carrollton on April 10, 1925, one of seven children born to the late Rufus Carlyle and Verna (McDade) Baker.

Eileen was raised in Carrollton, graduating from Carrollton Community Unit High School in 1943.

She married Paul Hardwick on December 29, 1944 at the Parsonage of the First Presbyterian Church in Jerseyville and together they raised five children and shared nearly 36 years of marriage before his death on December 23, 1980.



Eileen was a dedicated and loving mother to her children and known for her strong work ethic. First being employed with Owens Glass Works as a Bottle Packer and later working at several restaurants and as a caregiver at many local boarding homes in the area.

Surviving are her five children and their spouses, Ronald Hardwick of Jerseyville; Don Hardwick of Jerseyville; William "Rufus" "Bill" and Melony Hardwick of Fieldon; Doug Hardwick of Jerseyville; and Paula and Pee Wee Shackles of Jerseyville; three grandchildren and their spouses, Dina and Ed Havin of Sugarland, TX; Bryan and Amy Shackles of Jerseyville; Michelle Hardwick of Jerseyville; six great-grandchildren, Mary, Sarah, Emma, Abbie, Brianna and Molly; and one great-great grandson, Carter; three sisters, Phyllis Kaiser-Vahle of Brighton; Barbara and William Howland and Wanda Hall both of Carrollton.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Clayton Baker as well as two sisters, Evelyn Hardwick and Ester Burger. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until time of service at 3 p.m., Monday, February 25, 2013 at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville. The Rev. Larry Hayes will officiate.

Burial will be in the Noble Cemetery in Otterville. Memorials may be given to the family in care of Crawford Funeral Home, to assist in the care of her disabled sons..