

M. Rue

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M. Geraldine Rue, 95, died at 4:53 a.m., Thursday, February 28, 2013 at the Jerseyville Manor Nursing Home where she had been a resident for the past two years. She was born in Kampsville on August 13, 1917, the oldest daughter born to the late Leslie & Winona (Bess) Wineland. Raised in Calhoun County, Geraldine attended and graduate from their school system. She married Robert J. Rue on Jan. 11, 1947 in Jerseyville, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 1, 1992. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Terrill Woolsey of Laguna Hills, Ca., Jerry & Theresa Chapman of Chesterfield, Il., Janis & Randy Butler of St. Ann, Mo., Robert A. & Pamela Rue of Delhi and Lissa & Robert Swan of Dow; two stepdaughters, Mary Rue and Helen Crull both of Jerseyville; two sisters, Winnie Tucker of Jerseyville and Connie Allen of Henderson, Nv.; Nine grandchildren & their spouses, Cindy & Rob Reinhardt of Rogue River, Or., Tracy & David Keen of El Cajon, Ca., Scott & Shelly Woolsey of Laguna Woods, Ca., Kim & David Herbst of Elkland, Mo., Melissa & Dean Tepen of Jerseyville, Dawn & David Butler-Hayn Brighton, Amy & Bryan Shackles of Jerseyville, Kristin Butler (Joe Nicolussi) of Granite City, and Jennifer Swan (Clay Nielsen) of Carbondale; 14 Great Grandchildren, Raemy Reinhardt, Jeremy & Justin Ogul, Nicholas, Zachary and Trevor Woolsey, Sarah Herbst, Ashleigh and Drew Tepen, Nicholee, Mallory and Caleigh Hayn, Emma and Abbie Shackles, and many nieces, nephews and cousins and her dear friend, Nita Ferjo. She was preceded in death by her parents, a grandson, Brian Rue; a great grandson, Nathan Herbst, two sisters, Marian Wineland and Carmine Waymack; and her beloved friend, Betty Ferguson. Geraldine worked in Alton for at Owens-Illinois as a packer and then stayed home to raise her family. She was an avid collector of recipes and cookbooks, to which, with great pride she assembled and published three cookbooks of her own. In addition to collecting recipes, she was also skilled at both cooking and baking, her near famous specialty being her homemade fudge. Geraldine also had quite a collection of spoons and postcards from around the world collected by her as well as friends and family on



their various travel adventures. One of her favorite places in the United States was Joshua Tree National Park. She also was a lifelong cat lover, (Siamese being her favorite breed, although she loved all types) and had spent a lot of time over the years caring for newborn kittens and cats on the farm. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m., Monday at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville, where funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m., Tuesday. Her son in law, Rev. Randy Butler will officiate. She will be laid to rest alongside her mother at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Jerseyville. Memorials may be given to the Lighthouse for the Blind, Riverbend Humane Society or St. Anthony's Hospice.