



Laura Ward

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Laura E. Ward, 98, died at 5:35 a.m. Monday, April 8, 2013 at Rosewood Care Center in Alton. Born April 11, 1914 in Mendon, IL, she was the daughter of Chris and Catherine (Schnellbacker) Rabe. She married Lorenzo L. Ward on December 23, 1933 in Whitehall, IL. He preceded her in death. Surviving are two daughters, Donna Buchanan (Henry) of Fidelity, IL, and Laura Lamborn (Leslie) of Mountain View, MO, three sons, Elliot Ward of Mountain View, MO, and Nelson Ward (Francis) of Baltimore, MD, and Royal Ward (Joyce) of Godfrey, 24 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, 33 great-great grandchildren, two brothers, Ralph Rabe of Lima, IL, and Gerald Rabe of Quincy, IL. Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, two daughters, Helen Ward Dykeman and Elizabeth Carol Hopper, one son, Dallas Ward, two brothers, and five sisters. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 11, 2013 at the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Godfrey. Reverend Jerry McCaskey will officiate. Burial will be at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto. Memorials may be made to Evangelical United Church of Christ or the Community Hope Center in Cottage Hills. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

