



Eileen Allen

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Eileen Helen (Gibbons) Allen, 89, died at 3:37 a.m., Friday, June 6, 2014 at St. Anthony's Hospital with her family by her side. She was born May 11, 1925 in Jerseyville, Illinois, and was the sixth child of the late James and Katherine (Gavin) Gibbons.

She graduated from Jersey Community High School, and subsequently pursued many careers, retiring from St. Anthony's Hospital where she worked as an LPN and as a Hospice volunteer.

She married Warren E. Allen on September 19, 1946 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Jerseyville and together the two were blessed with 66 years together and a large and loving family before his passing on November 29, 2012.

Surviving are her seven children and their spouses, Mike and Debby Allen of Jerseyville, Nancy and Bruce Hugon of Indianapolis, IN, Larry Allen of Grafton, Judi Hellman of St. Louis, Tim and Donna Allen of New Iberia, La, Terri and Randy Taake of Jerseyville, and Beth Siegfried of St. Louis; 26 grandchildren and their spouses, Zeb, Abbi and Sarah Allen, Ben Hugon, Seth and Stacy Allen, Dustin and Amy Elliott, Josh and Gretchen Allen, R.J. and Hannah (Allen) Lancaster and Frances Allen, Jon and Jen (Hellman) Novotney, Cole, Mary Claire and Connor Hellman, Chad and Christine Evans, Dawn Derouen, Marc Allen and Lacy Decoux, Curt and Courtney (Taake) Schroeder, Jake and Katie (Taake) Maurer, Erin Taake, Zack Taake, Tanner and Jen Taake and Megan Taake, Ellen, Christian and Meredith Siegfried; 21 great-grandchildren, Caleb and Noah Allen, CJ and Rachel Warren, Jacob Elliott, Ashley Scott and Gavin Allen, Kaelynne, Mila and Finley Lancaster, Coy, Cohen and Charley Evans, Macie, Dawson, Miley and Dakota Derouen and Evans Comeaux, Brenden Schroeder, Rock, Rainey, Scarlett and Mera Kate Maurer; her sister and brother-in-law, T. Ann and Charlie Krepel of Alton, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and other extended family and dear friends.

In addition to her parents and spouse, she is preceded in death by her dear grandson, Sam Allen on July 4, 2013, her son-in-law, Greg Hellman and her dear brothers and sisters (in-law), Herb and Marguerite Gibbons, John and Margaret Hickey, Joe and Katherine Hackworth, Paul and Rosalie Gibbons, Pat and Jean Gibbons and Raymond and Agnes Schell and many nieces and nephews.

In celebration of her life, visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m., Sunday, June 8 at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville, where a prayer service will be conducted at 1:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:00 a.m. , Monday, June 9 at St. Patrick's Church in Grafton with Father Patrick Gibbons and Father William Hembrow concelebrating. Burial will be at Scenic Hill Cemetery in Grafton.

Memorials may be given to the St. Patrick's Altar Society in Grafton, where she was an active participant for many years or Options Now, a charity she strongly supported.

Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville is in charge of arrangements.