

## **Esther Twarog**

## Bethalto | Saturday, September 27 2014

Esther B. Twarog, 90, passed away at 8:35 pm Saturday, September 27, 2014 in Bethalto.

She was born on January 25, 1924 in Mascoutah, IL, daughter of the late Wilhelm and Matilda (Wilmsmeyer) Bramstedt.

She married Edward J. Twarog on November 27, 1947 in Mascoutah. He preceded her in death on May 22, 1999.

Esther worked at the VA Hospital right after World War II as an occupational therapist. She was a grade school teacher and then became a school counselor for Civic Memorial High School District #8 for 34 years, working until she was 70 years old. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Bethalto, the Women's VFW Auxiliary and the teachers union. She was an election judge for many years and she enjoyed big band music and traveling, and had taken many camping trips to Europe plus traveling to the Soviet Union, China and Egypt.

She is survived by her three daughters, Kristina Douglas, Charlotte Guschl and Nina Lawrence; seven grandchildren, Adam, Tad, Peter, Philip, Jocelyn, Joanna and Rebecca; great grandchildren, Olivia, Max, Hailey, Peyton, Sebastian, Rhue, Stella and Gwyneth; a sister, Charlotte Pivoras; a brother, Rev. Paul Bramstedt and her nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Jean, a sister, Ruth and six brothers, Walter, Luther, Arthur, Robert, Wilham and Karl.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 pm on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at Elias, Kallal & Schaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto. Visitation will continue from 10:00 am until funeral services at 11:00 am Friday, October 3, 2014 at the funeral home with Rev. Paul Bramstedt officiating.

Burial will follow at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, MO.

Memorials may be given to the Lutheran Hour at KFUO.

Online condolences and guest book may be found at <a href="www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com">www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com</a>