

## **Florence Vahle**

## Jerseyville | Saturday, October 18 2014

JERSEYVILLE- Florence T. Vahle, 97, died at 7:50 a.m., Saturday, October 18, 2014, at her residence.

She was born in Michael, Ill.. on August 28, 1917, one of four children born to the late Mathias and Kathryn (May) Klunk.

Florence was a longtime volunteer in the gift shop at Jersey Community Hospital, and was a proud and loyal blood donor through the American Red Cross. Above all, Florence was a dedicated and loving woman, who put her faith, family the farm at the forefront of her life.



She married Edward C. Vahle on April 12, 1939 in Jerseyville, and the two were blessed with 69 years together and a family that consisted of six children, before his passing on May 26, 2008.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Gary Bland of Alton; five sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Laniece Vahle, James and Wanda Vahle, David and Debbie Vahle, Gary and Tina Vahle all of Jerseyville, and Gregory Vahle of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 4 great great-grandchildren; and a sister, Helen Klunk of St. Louis, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two brothers, Raymond Klunk and Harold Klunk.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 20, at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville, where a Rosary will be recited at 3:45 p.m.

A Mass of Christian burial will take place at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Jerseyville, with Father William Hembrow officiating.

Burial will be in the St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Jerseyville.

Memorials may be given to the St. Francis/Holy Ghost Catholic Schools in Jerseyville.