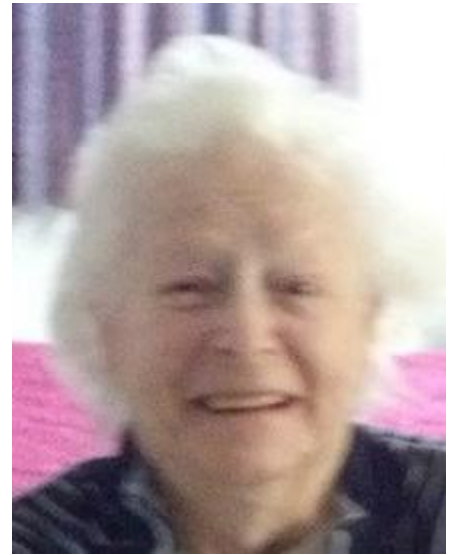


Sarah Barenreuther

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Sarah Elizabeth (“Betty”) Barenreuther, 92, died while a resident at Jerseyville Manor on December 8, 2014. She was born in Jerseyville on October 20, 1922 to the late Leone Grace (Rintoul) Cooke and Firm Cooke. She grew up with 4 brothers and 4 sisters. She attended Jerseyville high school, graduating in May of 1940. On January 25, 1942 she married Ameyl Roland Barenreuther (1921–2011), who enlisted in the army later that year. When Ameyl received his discharge from the army in 1946, the couple moved to Alton, where they were to live for the next 65 years, until Betty’s diabetes and blindness made it impossible for them to continue after Ameyl suffered a stroke in May of 2011. Although the couple had no children, Betty was a second mother to the niece and eight nephews who lived in the Alton area. She loved doing needlework, and every wedding and new birth into the family or her friends’ families was the occasion for a gift of one of her beautiful quilts. Despite her illness and weakening eyesight, she was an inveterate walker and was often seen around North Alton getting her daily exercise.



She is survived by her sister, Marjorie Pyburn of Scottsdale, Arizona, by her sisters-in-law Mary Ann Rossetti of Wilsonville and Flossie McMillian of Sawyerville, by one niece and eight nephews and their spouses, and by many grand-nieces and grand-nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, four brothers, three sisters, one niece, and three nephews.

Visitation will be at the Gent Funeral home, 2409 State Street in Alton, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 13, 2014 to be followed by burial at Upper Alton Cemetery next to her late husband. The family suggests either Blessing Hospice, 330

Fifth Street, Carrollton, IL 62016 or a charity of the donor's own choosing for memorial donations. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com