



Ava Marie Hefner

July 6, 1934 - April 10, 2010

Age 75, of Essex, IL, passed away Saturday, April 10, 2010 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, IL. Born July 6, 1934 in Rogersville, TN to the late Arthur and Bessie (nee Gillam) Mitchell. Ava enjoyed puzzle books and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Surviving were her husband, James "Red" Hefner, of Essex, whom she married November 15, 1955 in Morristown, TN; three daughters, Barbara Smothers of Essex, Rebecca Ledbetter of West Frankfort, IL, and Linda Sue (Bill) Kendrix of OK; one son, James L. (Sandra) Hefner of Essex; ten grandchildren, including; Jodi (Dave) Decker, Kevin Hefner, Scott Hefner, Larry Mezo, Chris, Matthew, Tyna, and Stacy Goldsberry; eleven great-grandchildren, Angel and Skylar, Jacob and Hannah, Dennis III, Evelyn Nicole, Bradley, Katelynn, Christian, Sydney, and Ryan; three brothers; and two sisters. Preceding her in death were two sisters, Martha Jones and an infant sister. Cremation rites have been accorded. Private family services were held.