



Helen Marie Askew

October 19, 1926 - November 4, 2010

Age 84, of Essex, IL passed away Thursday, November 4, 2010 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, IL. Born October 19, 1926 in Morocco, IN to the late Chauncey and Amanda Leann (nee Whaley) Merchant. Helen enjoyed watching all sports on television, including the Chicago Cubs. She enjoyed reading and loved spending time with her family and grandchildren. Surviving were two sons, Walter (Trish) Askew of Reddick, IL and Robert (Heather) Askew, Jr., of Essex; two daughters, Joan (Richard) Wepprecht of Bonfield, IL and JoAnn (John) O'Brien of Buckingham, IL; seven grandchildren, Mitzi Wepprecht, Michael (Molly) Wepprecht, Theresa Wepprecht, Colleen O'Brien, Jacqueline O'Brien, Kevin Askew, and Kimberly Askew; three great-grandchildren, Grace, Sophia, and Lilly Wepprecht; one sister, Doris Miller of Sydney, IL; two sister-in-laws, Margaret Merchant of Morocco, IN and Emma Price of Bradenton, FL; numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were her husband, Robert Wellington Askew, Sr., whom she married October 11, 1954 in Jeffersonville, IN; two brothers, Dale Merchant and Kenneth Merchant; one sister, Ruby Berry; and brother-in-law, Bill Miller. Private funeral services were held at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel, Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. with visitation one hour preceding services. Pastor Ron Taylor officiated. Cremation rites were accorded following services. Graveside services were held at Coleman Cemetery in Union Hill, IL, Sunday, November 14, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Coleman Cemetery

.02 Miles from 1500 West Road
Approximately 2 Miles from Rt. 17
Union Hill, IL