



Louise J. Wanner

September 11, 1923 - February 18, 2018

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MORTON – Louise Jeanette (Fort) Wanner, 94, peacefully entered into the presence of her Lord on Feb. 18, 2018, at her residence, The Villas of Holly Brook in Morton.

Louise was born on Sept. 11, 1923 on her grandparent's farm in Tremont, Ill., to George and Abbie (Sperry) Fort. She married Russell "Buck" Wanner on Oct. 27, 1946 after corresponding with him during WWII. She was preceded in death much too soon by her husband, Buck, as well as her siblings, Lloyd Fort, Ralph Fort, Viola Dringenberg, and Mildred Schafer.

She is survived by her three children Randy (Sue Payne) Wanner, Janette (Reinhard Taylor) Wanner, and Rod (Marcia) Wanner; six grandchildren Chelsea Wanner, Buck Wanner, Lily (Bobby) Williams, Abbie (Ryan) Rockhold, Jerod Wanner and Jordan Wanner; and one great-granddaughter, Kennedy Rockhold. She is also survived by three siblings Doris Bauman, Roy Fort, and Ray Fort and many nieces and nephews who added great value to her long and active life.

Louise is a 1941 graduate of Morton High School. Her accomplished career first began in Springfield and later worked at Caterpillar, Inc. Her career continued working with her brother Lloyd, where she learned accounting and finally managed the office for 33 years at Otto Baum & Sons.

Louise was a dedicated member of Morton United Methodist Church, where she served many years as the Treasurer and was actively involved in the United Methodist Women. She also served on the board of We Care from 1979-1987. She enjoyed her membership in her DAR chapter and King's Daughters.

She loved making crafts and canned goods for the bazaar and was famous for her pies. She was very competitive at cards and games with friends and family and certainly did not like to lose! She treasured her groups of girlfriends from high school and Caterpillar days. She also had a love for traveling and of course watching her St. Louis Cardinals.

Louise was a remarkable grandmother, it was perhaps her favorite role and she served it lovingly. She supported each of her grandchildren's endeavors and served as their number one cheerleader and embraced their friends as her own. This past year she celebrated a special joy in welcoming her first great-grandchild.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018 at Knapp-Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Morton. A funeral will be at 10 a.m., Monday, Feb. 26, at Morton United Methodist Church with a visitation held prior to the service from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Pastor Gary L. Feldman, and Pastor Tom Zobrist of Liberty Bible Church of Eureka, will officiate services. Burial will be held at Glendale Memorial Gardens in Pekin.

Memorials may be made to Morton United Methodist Women.

The family would like to thank the staff at Holly Brook for their loving care of Louise over the past year.

Cemetery:

Glendale Memorial Gardens 18119 State Route 9, Pekin, IL