



Mary A. Callender

November 6, 1926 - January 8, 2012

Mary A. Callender, 85, formerly of Livingston, went to be with the Lord in heaven, surrounded by her family, at 6:20 p.m. Sunday, January 8, 2012 at University Nursing & Rehab in Edwardsville. Born November 6, 1926 in Fosterburg, she was the daughter of Oscar and Kathryn (Lewis) Shewmake. Mary attended Elm Street Presbyterian Church in Alton. She was a homemaker and had also worked as a housekeeper for Staunton Nursing Home for 14 years retiring in 1989. On July 1, 1949 in Alton, she married Maurice William "Bud" Callender. He preceded her in death. Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathryn and Daniel Jarman of Fosterburg, and Marcia and George Slifka of Edwardsville, two sons and daughters-in-law, Marty and Donna Callender of Green Valley, AZ, and David and Lisa Callender of Cobden, IL, 10 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, one brother and sister-in-law, Chance and Zada Shewmake of Godfrey, and a sister, Betty Franklin of Godfrey and her companion, John Tillman of Godfrey and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a great granddaughter, Grace Marie Baker, and three sisters, Alberta, Rose, and Lillian. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 12, 2012 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 13, 2012. Reverend George H. Humbert Jr. will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary A. Callender*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Marcia and family,
So sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Amy (Logsdon) Beyer - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. May God be with you and help you
through this terrible time.
Barbara and David Hayes*

David Barbara Hayes - January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hope to come to visitation but just in case weather too bad: She will
be greatly missed, she was very special to a lot of people because
always willing to help others. Glad to know she was with family on
her final day.*

Malindia Pruden - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM