



Patricia Lee Franz

March 21, 1926 - June 14, 2015

Patricia Lee “Patty” Willis Franz, 89, died at 9:05 p.m. Sunday, June 14, 2015 at Jersey Community Hospital in Jerseyville. Born March 21, 1926 in Alton, she was the daughter of Leo Willis Sr. and Edna (Culp) Willis. Mrs. Franz attended Emmanuel Free Methodist Church. She worked for Baxter’s for 18 years retiring in 1997. Previously she worked as a telephone operator for Illinois Bell. On June 19, 1948 she married Alvin C. Franz. He preceded her in death on March 20, 2014. Surviving are two daughters, Susan Kuhnline (Jeff) of Brighton and Tina Thomas (Jim) of Florissant, MO, four sons, David Franz of Godfrey, Dennis Franz (Suzie) of Worden, Douglas Franz of Largo, FL, and Donald Franz of Alton, seven grandchildren, Carl Franz, Julia Franz, Derek Kuhnline, Jared Kuhnline, Savannah Thomas, David Thomas and Douglas Franz, two great grandchildren, Lukas Franz and Bennett Franz. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, three brothers, Leo Willis Jr., Gary Willis, and Roger Willis, and four sisters, Anita Kiefer, Georgene Tomerlin, Sally Rowland, and Joanie Tuhro. Patty was the last of the Willis clan, a well-known Alton family in the floral business. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 19, 2015 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Pastor Mark Scandrett will officiate. Burial will be at Godfrey Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the 5A’s Animal Shelter or the Emmanuel Free Methodist Church.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Lee Franz*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Mom - thanks for being my best friend - we sure knew how to laugh.*

Tina - June 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Your Mother was a very caring and loving person. She always took care of others before herself. I will never forget her and all that she did for my family when we were growing up.*

I am so sorry that I will not be able to attend the services because I live in Florida. Please accept my condolences and know that I am thinking of all of you during this time.

Bev Schoeberle - June 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM