



Elsie C. Burpo

August 17, 1932 - June 30, 2024

Elsie C. Burpo, 91, of Rockford went to be with her Lord and Savior on June 30, 2024. Born August 17, 1932 in Joliet; daughter of Herman and Esther (Markstrom) Sundberg. Graduate of East High School class of 1950. United in marriage to Robert Spencer in 1950. He preceded her in death in 1970. Married Harry Burpo in 1972. Elsie was a homemaker in her younger years, she enjoyed visits from her grandkids, and helping care for them. She worked at Greenlee Textron, in her retirement years she worked at the Sam's Club food court. Elsie was an active member of Calvary Memorial Church. She was a talented square dancer and also enjoyed camping. Survived by her daughter, Lori (James) Godfrey, step-daughter, Sandy Tripp; daughter-in-law, Viola Burpo; grandchildren, Christa Magnuson, Kara (Chris) Menken, Heather (Mike) Descourouez, Julie (Scott) Straley, TJ (Beth) Burpo great-grandchildren; Lynnea (Caleb) Blatchford, Koby Nottingham, Corey, Cameron and Katelyn Menken, Zachary and Zander Descourouez, Ashley and Nathan Straley; great-great-grandchildren, Eliana and Emery Blatchford; sister-in-law, Karen Sundberg; special nephew, Brian Sundberg; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Robert Spencer, Harry Burpo; son, Bradley Spencer; siblings, Howard and Bonnie Sundberg, Leroy and Louise Sundberg, Joan Sundberg, Robert Sundberg; step-daughter, Margaret Holmes, step-son, Gary Burpo, niece, Jody Sundberg; long term boyfriend, Herchel Morlan; grandson-in-law, John Magnuson Jr.. Elsie's family is grateful to the staff of Northern Illinois Hospice

for their loving care. Memorial visitation on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 10 am to 11 am at Calvary Chapel, 7281 Olde Creek Road, Rockford; followed by a memorial service at 11 am. Pastor Charlie Heffelfinger will officiate. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Northern Illinois Hospice. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services assisted the family. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Chapel
7281 Olde Creek Road
Rockford, IL 61114

Memorial Service

JUL **13**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Rehberg Family- Joshua, Lindsay and kids purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elsie C. Burpo.*



Rehberg Family- Joshua, Lindsay and kids - July 08, 2024 at 06:50 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Elsie C. Burpo.*



July 06, 2024 at 10:03 AM

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“ *The Fleming Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elsie C. Burpo.*

The Fleming Family - July 06, 2024 at 02:31 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Elsie C. Burpo.*



July 06, 2024 at 02:31 AM

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“ My greatest memory of Elsie will always be her smile. I can't remember a time ever seeing her that she wasn't smiling. She passed that down to her daughter and grandchildren because I can say the same of them. It takes strength and faith in God to smile even in the middle of a storm. God lived in Elsie's heart and it shined through her to every single person she encountered. I am so very grateful I was able to see her every single morning for the last part of her life at St Anne's Center. Going to work is sometimes hard but as soon as I would walk into the room she was in she would smile and wave and make my entire day. Everyone I worked with always went on and on about how much they loved her and I wasn't one bit surprised. Up until that time I had the honor of being friends with her daughter and grandchildren. I was always so in awe of their strength and resilience all the while blessing and loving on so many. Once I was able to get to know Elsie more at the end of her life here on earth, I learned more and more why they were the way they were. I love you Elsie and everyday since you left this earth I've come into work missing a part of my heart. I promise to get through this sadness and remember your smile everytime I walk into the tv room as I did to see you and continue to find another to love on in your honor ❤️

evangeline pizzuto - July 03, 2024 at 08:22 PM

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“ Elsie inspired family values and love of her Lord. She will be sorely missed though now safely in the arms of Jesus free from earthy life's challenges

Bev - July 03, 2024 at 05:47 PM