



Evelyn L. Dudley

June 26, 1924 - February 27, 2012

Evelyn L. Dudley, 87, of New Castle, died Monday, February 27, 2012 at Henry County Hospital.

She was born June 26, 1924 in Muncie, a daughter of the late Roy A. Kennedy and Adda (Byrd) Kennedy Hernly. She was also the step-daughter of the late Henry R. Hernly.

Evelyn was a 1943 graduate of New Castle High School and a 1945 graduate of Indiana Business College in Muncie. She was the owner of Evelyn's Plaster Craft Shop for 30 years before retiring in December of 2003. She was a 28 year member and Past President of the National Plaster Craft Association and Past President of Midwest Plaster Craft Association. She was a 50 year member and past Noble Grand of Charity Rebekah Lodge #19. She also served as a den mother for the Boy Scouts and Past President of the Enlisted Navy Wives Club in Crane, Indiana. Evelyn was very involved in several organizations including Kappa Delta Sorority; a 25 year member of ABWA; charter member of the New Beginnings, ABWA, a member and Past President of the Henry County Republican Club. She was honored in 1999 by being the recipient of the G. Robert Kirby Memorial Award for her many years of service with the Republican Party. She was a member of the Henry County Landlord Association, Henry County Art Association, Henry County Historical Society and Hope Rebekah Lodge in Greenfield.

She was a life-long member of the First Christian Church where she was baptized in 1937.

She is survived by four sons, Richard L. (wife: Mary) Dudley Jr. of New Castle, David B. (wife: Norma) Dudley of Dunreith, Douglas "Jose" Dudley of Warsaw and Dean H. (wife: Vickie) Dudley of New Castle; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; a sister, Florance Peters of Lafayette; a brother, Raymond (wife: Dot) Kennedy of LaGrange and several nieces and nephews including Patricia "Trish" Fix of Kingman, AZ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard L. Dudley, whom she married December 25, 1944 and a sister, Wilma "Tyke" Caldwell.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 2, 2012 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Rev. Alan McCraine officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 - 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Foundation Fighting Blindness, 1580 S. Milwaukee Ave., Suite 606, Libertyville, IL 60048. Envelopes will also be available at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Evelyn Dudley.

Tribute Wall



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