



Mary Landsdown

January 6, 1921 - May 17, 2011

Mary Elizabeth (Yeoman) Landsdown, 90, of Rossville, passed away at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home in Hoopeston.

She was born Jan. 6, 1921, to Otto and Valera (Butts) Yeoman. She was the oldest of five daughters, and when her mother passed away, Mary was only 12 years old. Mary, her father and other family members kept them all together and raised them in Rossville.

After she graduated from high school, she married Lester Morton Landsdown on Nov. 9, 1941, and became a farm wife.

She learned to chase implement parts all over the county, cook large meals for the harvesting men, raise chickens, gather eggs and help get the wandering livestock back into the pasture.

Mary and Lester were active members in the Antioch Church of Christ, both of them serving as teachers and choir members. Her church family was very important to her, and she greatly appreciated the support that they gave her in her last years.

After Lester passed away in 1978, she worked at Hedrecka Nursing Home and cared for the elderly in their homes. She was an avid card sender, never missing a family birthday or a special event. After her 90th birthday party in January, she was most proud of all the cards she received. Mary loved genealogy and had traced her family back many generations.

Mary and Lester had four children, Wanda (Neil) Ellis of West Lebanon, Ind., Ann (Don) Stevens of Fairmount, Nancy (Morton) Cunningham of Danville and Kenneth Landsdown of Rossville, whom they raised in church, farming, in a sports-filled and an all-important, family-oriented atmosphere. Wanda, Ann and Nancy have the good fortune to have a large circle of family and friends because there were many family get-togethers. In the past 12 months, this has been a blessing during their brother Ken's and their mother's

illnesses.

There were eight grandchildren of whom Mary was very proud and whose lives and accomplishments she followed. They are: Susan Werner, Lea (Brent) Brinkley, Chad (Amanda) Stevens, Becky (Scott) Kenworthy, Julie Landsdown, Sarah Landsdown, Wade Ellis and Steven (Annie) Cunningham. If there was a party and the 11 great-grandchildren were going to be there, she would be there, too. Also surviving are two sisters, Helen La Mar and Dorothea Love; and two sisters-in-law, Letha McMains and Lois Haas.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband; her son, Ken Landsdown; two sisters, Winie Yeoman and Jan Small; and five brothers-in-law.

Funeral services for Mary will begin at 10 a.m. Friday, May 20, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St., Hoopeston, with the Rev. Earl Eells and Pastor James C. Small officiating. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Anderson Funeral Home. Concluding service will be at the Rossville Cemetery in Rossville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may go to the Antioch Church of Christ, Hoopeston Memorial Nursing Home or a charity of one's choice.