



Maxine Williams

June 3, 1924 - December 4, 2013

Maxine Williams, 89, of Hoopeston, IL, passed away at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday December 4, 2013 at her home at Autumn Fields Adult Community in Hoopeston. She was born June 3, 1924 near Hoopeston, IL, the daughter of Roy T. and Ruth (Crain) Lee. She married Russell Williams on August 27, 1942 in East Lynn, IL. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by one daughter, Sherry (Larry) Johnson of East Lynn; two sons, Tom (Sandy) Williams of Watseka, IL and Terry (Jacci) Williams of Potomac, IL; one daughter-in-law, Joyce Williams of Hoopeston, IL; one sister, Lois (Richard) Cantwell of Spencer, IN and one sister-in-law, Doris Knapp of Cissna Park, IL. She is also survived by six grandsons, Chad, Brad and Roy Johnson and Matt, Brian and David Williams, 11 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Larry Williams; two brothers, Charles Lee and Franklyn (Ty) Lee and three sisters, Irma McNeely, Mary Hatfield and infant sister Lena Catherine Lee.

Maxine graduated from East Lynn High School in 1942. Later that year, she married her husband Russell and became a housewife and helped work on the farm. After becoming a mother of four children, she sold Tupperware and Merle Norman Cosmetics. Maxine later worked for Blue Cross and Blue Shield, as the office manager of the Vermilion County office. She was a member of the Hoopeston United Methodist Church. She also served as a past board member of the East Lynn United Methodist Church and was the past head chaperone of the Hoopeston Sweetcorn Festival Sweetheart Pageant. Maxine enjoyed being with her grandchildren, bowling and playing cards, especially with the pinochle club that she and her husband played in for nearly 60 years.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the donor's choice in Maxine's memory.

Cemetery Details

Floral Hill Cemetery

Hoopeston
IL 60942

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ Dear Sherry and Tom and Terry and all your family,
You have my deepest sympathies for the loss of your Mom.
May all your memories - so many little ones built up over the
years (and some shared by my family <3) eventually bring you
comfort and peace. With love, Jean Betka Skoza and family

Jean Skoza - December 16, 2013 at 09:40 AM

CP

“ Tom, Sherry, Terry and families,
We were both so sorry to hear about Aunt Maxine passing so quickly and
apologize for being unable to attend her gravesite service. Hector remembers
both of your parents because we spent time with them one afternoon in south
Texas. Uncle Russell must have been a U of I basketball fan because that's what
they were watching and talking about. I remember your father being in poor
health even then. How quickly life changes--I still remember us little brats tearing
through Grandpa and Grandma's house on the holidays. Every time there was at
least one medical emergency (fingers in car doors or heads cracked open). But
good memories and I think we all knew we were loved and spoiled by all aunts
and uncles! Interesting that I couldn't talk about one of your parents without
mentioning both of them. Both were very good people and will be missed.
Our condolences,
Connie and Hector

connie price-medina - December 12, 2013 at 03:16 PM

JR

“ I was so sad when my mom called to tell me that Maxine had passed away. She
was my first mother-in-law, and she taught me how to make the yummiest
desserts! She made sure I bought all of my shoes through Mason Shoes, wore
Merle Norman makeup, and used Tupperware to store all the leftovers from
meals she taught me to make. (I didn't know how to cook when Larry and I first
got married!) Even after Larry and I divorced, Maxine still cared about me and
kept in contact with me. She was a wonderful lady. And yes, Sherry does look like
her in this photo. :)

Jan Ruffner

Jan Ruffner - December 06, 2013 at 10:33 PM

CS

“ Sherry,
I see "you" in the sweet picture of your mother. You are right---losing any family is not easy, especially when it is your mother. Know you are in our prayers as you face this difficult time.
His blessings and peace!
Barb and Chuck Stinnett

Chuck and Barb Stinnett - December 06, 2013 at 09:32 PM

MF

“ Our prayers are with you! I loved having and getting to know Maxine while she lived at Autumn Fields. She will be dearly missed by all of us! Misty Fricke

Misty Fricke - December 06, 2013 at 11:04 AM

CH

“ Maxine was always spunky! She will be missed by many.
My deepest sympathy,
Cathy Hatfield

Cathy Hatfield - December 06, 2013 at 09:35 AM

LJ

“ I loved Your mom. She was a special person and a favorite aunt. We are praying for you all.

Linda and Jerry Jones - December 06, 2013 at 08:20 AM

SM

“ I am sorry to hear of Maxines passing. Such a lovely lady, inside and out. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sandy McCord - December 06, 2013 at 04:16 AM

VB

“ I am so sorry about your Mom. Sherry, my last memory of her this summer is a sweet one--going out to eat with both of you in Bloomington when you brought her here for an eye exam. She was delightful that day! Will be praying for all your family--may you all be comforted by the wonderful memories you'll have forever.
Love to you Sherry, and all your family. Velma

Velma Bird - December 05, 2013 at 11:03 PM

WB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Maxine will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with you and the family.

Love,
Wayne and Nancy Baker

Wayne and Nancy Baker - December 05, 2013 at 06:51 PM