



Effie A. Reitsma

September 3, 1924 - August 21, 2010

RACINE-Effie A. Reitsma, 85, passed away peacefully at Ridgewood Care Center on Saturday, August 21, 2010, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Chicago, IL on September 3, 1924 to the late Glenn and Effie (nee: Perkins) Roady. She was a 1942 graduate of Park High School. Effie was united in marriage to Richard J. Reitsma on February 11, 1962 at Holy Communion Lutheran Church.

Effie was employed at Arvey Corporation from 1965 until her retirement in 1986. She was a long time member of Holy Communion Lutheran Church. She loved Monday morning bible study and working the food pantry at church.

Effie is survived by her loving husband, Richard; daughters, Linda K. (David) Fox, Cheryl L. Betchkal; grandchildren, Lisa (Walter) Wilckens, Eric Betchkal, Leslie Betchkal, Jennifer (Mark) Fitzpatrick and Andrew Fox; 10 great grandchildren, Derrick, Nick, Ellie, Mitch, Bayley, Mason, Pierce, Ryan, Maren and Connor; brothers and sisters-in-law, John (Pat) Reitsma, Ron (Barbara) Reitsma; special friends, Richard (Janice) Betchkal. Further survived by other relatives and friends.

Memorial service will be held at Holy Communion Lutheran Church on Thursday, August 26th, 2010 at 6 p.m. There will be a visitation at the church on Thursday from 4 p.m. until the time of service. Effie will be laid to rest at

West Lawn Memorial Park on Friday at 10 a.m. Please meet at cemetery entrance.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Holy Communion Lutheran Church Food Pantry or Holy Communion Undesignated Memorial Fund.

A special thank you to the staff at Ridgewood Care Center, Especially Effie's nurse, Robin from Vitas Hospice for her exceptional care.