



## Janette J. (nee: Bowsman) Thomson

June 28, 1916 - September 6, 2010

RACINE- Janette J. (nee: Bowsman) Thomson, 94, passed away at Wheaton Franciscan Health Care-All Saints, on Monday September 6, 2010. Janette was born in Sturgis, Michigan on June 28, 1916, the daughter of Elmer and Hattie (nee: Carmen) Bowsman. She was united in marriage to Oral Henry Thomson on August 6, 1939 in North Adams, Michigan. Janette was a graduate of Carl Schurz High School 'Class of 1933'. She earned her R.N. (Registered Nurse) degree at Mercy Hospital, Chicago in 1938; furthered her education and received her B.S. in nursing from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, graduating in 1967. Janette was employed in many aspects of nursing in Michigan and Wisconsin until her retirement. She was a long time member of the First Baptist Church.

Janette loved life. She enjoyed gardening (especially roses and raspberries), playing bridge, keeping up with the news, traveling, art, nature and animals, going to estate sales, the Milwaukee Symphony, and especially the time spent with her family. Upon retirement she moved to Paris France for a period of time, learned the language, visited museums, historical sites and attended the American Church of Paris.

Janette is survived by her children, David (Cheryl) Thomson of Keller, Texas, Linda Thomson of Racine, and Jean Coombs of Granville, Ohio. She is also survived by grandchildren, Kristen Swaim, Jennifer Trotter, Brian Thomson,

Amy Farco, Stuart Coombs; great grandchildren, Chloe and Olivia Swaim, Ashley, Aidan and Alexander Farco and Wyatt Thomson. Janette is further survived by sisters, Carol Gosun, Mary Ann Allen and Charlene Himebaugh, along with nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oral on December 17, 1981; brothers, Jim and John Bowsman; sister, Betty Wisniewski and son-in-law, Roger Coombs.

Funeral services for Janette will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 12 noon, with Rev. Holly Anderle officiating. She will be laid to rest next to her husband, Oral at North Lawn Cemetery in North Adams, Michigan. Visitation will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Saturday from 10:30 a.m. until time of service at noon.

Memorials to First Baptist Church, 3117 Lathrop Ave, Racine, WI 53405 or to the Milwaukee Symphony have been suggested.

Janette's family would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to Dr. Durbin and the entire staff at Wheaton Franciscan Health Care for their fine and compassionate care.