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Loretta Mae Ballard, 91, of Decatur passed away on Thursday, May 30, 2013 in Heritage Manor Nursing Home.

Loretta was born on December 11, 1921 in rural Macon, IL at the Gibson/Cross family farm.

Loretta was the daughter of Rollie E. and Ethel M. (Cross) Scribner.

Loretta attended Stephen Decatur High School. She was employed for 32 years with A.W. Cash Valve, from which she later retired. She also received the Army/Navy 'E Award' after WWII as an employee of Houdaille Hershey which manufactured the tube which enclosed the atom bomb.

She was a member of the OES Macon Chapter, ABWA Decatur Chapter, and A.W. Cash Valve Credit Union serving as a Loan Officer. She also was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Loretta loved traveling to visit family, but especially enjoyed ABWA trips. She traveled with three friends in the summer of '89 over 30 days through the northwest, south through the coastal states, and returned via southern states; a trip over 7,400 miles. Her most memorable trip was with her friend, Mary Jane, traveling by ferries, trains, planes and buses into Canada.

Loretta had a passion for watching Chicago Bulls and the Illini basketball games. She enjoyed watching ice skating and said, 'I would like to come back reincarnated as a skater'.

Surviving are her daughters, Arda Mae Davis (Gary) of Wisconsin; Patricia Ann Watts (David) of Decatur; Jo-Ellen Cribbett of Bethany; brother, Rolland David Scribner of Oklahoma; sisters, Doris Karr of Decatur; Marilee Kamins of Pennsylvania; seven grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one sister, Leona Drake.



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Services to celebrate Loretta's life will be 11 AM Tuesday, June 4, 2013 in Moran & Goebel Funeral Home. Visitation will be 10 -11 AM Tuesday in the funeral home. Burial will be in Macon County Memorial Park. Memorials are suggested to Passages Hospice or Heritage Manor Nursing home.

The family of Loretta Mae Ballard is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, IL. View the on line obituary and send condolences to the family at www.moranandgoebel.com



Tribute Wall

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MG

Marilyn Swain Greenfield posted:

When I did not receive my annual Christmas card from Loretta I feared the worse that she had passed away. Unfortunately I moved away from Decatur in 1968 but Loretta and I never lost touch. She was my best friend and confident. We had many good times together. A sweeter person you'll never know. I am saddened dear friend to hear of your passing but heaven truly has an angel. God Bless you and your family. Marilyn Swain Greenfield

January 27 at 8:27 AM

AE

Ann Elder posted:

I was saddened to hear of Loretta's death. She brightened the church with her sweet smile and giving heart. We thank her for all the times she helped us in the church after joining. I always enjoyed our conversations and made a point to see her when she came in. She will be missed.

June 4 at 6:06 AM

MS

Mary Jo Schanuel posted:

Jo Ellen, So sorry to hear about your Mom. I wish I could come tomorrow, but will not be able to. I will be with you and your family in spirit. Love always, Craig and Mary Jo

June 3 at 2:18 PM

SM

Susan A. Moore posted:

So sorry to here of Loretta's passing! Unable to attend, but my thoughts and prayers are with the family. Haven't seen any of you for a long time, but love to each of you!

June 1 at 9:51 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Loretta by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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