



Carol M. Best

September 22, 1931 - October 25, 2018

Carol M. Best, nee Williams, 87, of Glen Carbon passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, October 25th, at her residence in Eden Village Care Center. Carol was born on September 22, 1931, in Christopher, Illinois, the daughter of Dale and Zelma Williams, nee King. She married Robert E. Best on June 25, 1949. She was preceded in her passing by her parents, her husband, Bob, of 59 years, her younger brother Roger Michael, two sisters-in-law, and one nephew.

She is survived by her daughter, Roberta (Bobbi) Ault (David), her older brother, Richard Dale (Delores) Williams of Harlingen, Texas, six grandchildren, Thomas (Mina) Ault of Scarsdale, New York, Rachael Hemann of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Kirstin Ault of San Francisco, Amy Ahrens of Belleville, Illinois, Rebecca Ahrens of Brooklyn, New York, and Patrick (Tracey) Ahrens of Waterloo, Illinois, and two great grandsons, Jacob and Mark Hemann, and a great granddaughter, Quinn Ahrens. Her many nieces and nephews and their children live primarily in Arizona, Florida, Kansas, and Wisconsin.

Carol graduated from Christopher High School in 1949 and subsequently became a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), graduating from the East St. Louis School of Practical Nursing in 1965. She worked for several years as a staff nurse, primarily in the offices of physicians in private practice, until her health would no longer permit her to do so. She then created and managed several small businesses until becoming the Resident Manager of the Liberty Square Retirement Community in Troy, Illinois. She retired from that position in 2014 to reside in Eden Village.

She and her husband made several trips early in their marriage to Alaska and Florida and later to Canada. She enjoyed mastering the latest developments in personal computing software and hardware, integrating her knowledge into the management of Liberty Square. After retiring, she enjoyed word puzzles and creating graphic illustrations. She was a devoted fan of the staff of CBS's NCIS, especially LeRoy Gibbs. Throughout her adult life, she had to deal with chronic pain associated with a spinal injury suffered when she was a young adult.

She attended services at the First Christian Church in Edwardsville.

Her body was cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Hospice of Southern Illinois or to the Alzheimer's Association of St. Louis. Weber and Rodney Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.