



Beatrice Gardner

November 13, 1912 - January 5, 2011

Beatrice Gardner, 98, of Bloomington (formerly of Solsberry) went to be with the Lord on Wednesday January 5, 2011.

She was born November 13, 1912 in Bloomfield on Gilliland Street the daughter of Othnel and Minnie (Rush) Gilliland.

Beatrice, called Bea by her friends and close family was a homemaker and a mother. She had been a member of the Solsberry Christian Church since the age of eight and was the first baptized member of the church.

She graduated from Solsberry High School with the class of 1931. While she was in High School she enjoyed playing the piano for some of the different musicals they presented and also played for the church functions.

At the age of eighteen she married Ralph Ray Gardner on August 5, 1931 in Stanford. They were married over fifty years, until his death on April 14, 1982.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, her father on January 23, 1973 and her mother on December 21, 1972.

She is survived by two sons and one daughter; Philip L. Gardner and wife Sandy of Bloomington, Michael J. Gardner and his wife Peggy of Solsberry and Linda L. Rogers of Bloomington. She has seven grandchildren; Karen Gardner, Brandon Gardner, Stephen Gardner, Jason Gardner, Heather Lauer, Sherry Ringer and Tammy Brinegar; and Thirteen great grandchildren.

Friends may call from 10 A.M. on Saturday January 8, 2011 until the hour of service at the Solsberry Christian Church.

Services will be held at 1:30 P.M. Saturday January 8, 2011 at the Solsberry Christian Church with Brother Jim Root officiating. Burial will follow at Solsberry Cemetery. Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield are handling arrangements.

The family wishes any donations be made to the Solsberry Christian Church or the Solsberry Cemetery.

Online condolences to the family can be made at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall

SW

“ *My sister Beverly and I extend our condolences for the loss of your mother. Your mother held a special place in our mother's heart. Mother always enjoyed their phone chats together. I remember stopping at your home years ago on our way home from Lena's. I know you are thankful for the many years you had her with you and for all the special memories.*

Sherry Watkins - January 08, 2011 at 02:21 PM

JG

“ *Love and support and may we give to faith so he can God reign supreme*

Jason Gardner - January 08, 2011 at 09:13 AM

JS

“ *Dear Mike,
We are so sorry for your loss. Julie's Mom and Dad passed away in 2001 and 2002 respectively. John's Mom is 90 years old and doing fine.
What we have discovered, though, is our own mortality...and how sad this can be.
We do know, though, that great memories of your Mom last for a lifetime.
Yours in Christ,
John and Julie Schwartz Lutheran Student Center friends*

John and Julie Schwartz - January 07, 2011 at 06:32 PM

BJ

“ Mike, Philip and Linda it's had to believe how fast time has passed. It seems like only yesterday we were kids playing at Grandma Lula's and Grandpa Clyde's. You know your mom is in a better place along with all our family members. My sincere condolences to you and you families.

Bob Johnson - January 07, 2011 at 09:37 AM

TF

“ Linda, Phillip and Mike, It is so hard to believe that a generation now ends with the passing of Aunt Bea. We look forward to seeing all of you on Saturday. Love to all,
Jamie Snyder (Bev)

The Rush extended families - January 06, 2011 at 09:52 PM

DH

“ So sorry to hear about this. We hope to be there Saturday for the funeral. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We love you!! ---Dave, Katie, and Madeline

Dave, Katie, and Madeline Hauser - January 06, 2011 at 12:12 PM

AG

“ Philip, Mike and Linda,
My condolences to you and your families. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Arnie Gardner - January 05, 2011 at 06:43 PM