

Stark, Grace B.

Grace B. Stark, 85, of West Chicago, died Saturday, Oct 1, 2005 at Delnor Community Hospital, Geneva, Il. Grace was born Sept. 30, 1920 in West Chicago, Il. Graduated from West Chicago High School in 1937 and lived in the family home until her marriage in 1941. A resident of Winfield, Il. For 19 years, Grace was pleased to move back to her childhood home in West Chicago in 1967 where she continued to live until her death. Grace devoted her life to her husband, children and grandchildren and she found great joy in gardening, bird watching and reading. Grace found comfort in her religion and maintained her faith. She was a founding member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Winfield, and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in West Chicago at the time of her faith. Although Grace endured many hardships in her lifetime, including the depression years and the loss of her father at age 4, her generosity and ever-present smile brought comfort and joy to her family and friends. Grace is survived by her two sons, Barry (Anne) of West Chicago and Larry (Terry) of St. Charles; two daughters, Carolyn (Glen) Hansen of West Chicago and Terry (Jerry) Markarian of Fairfax, Va., and grandchildren Brett Stark, Marty Stark, Nora (Wes) Austin, Tina Stark, Jeff and Jessica Hansen. She also leaves a sister Mary (late Glen) Rothstein of Baron, Wi. Grace was preceded in death by her husband, Albert "Bud" Stark; her parents; Herman and Anna nee Kohls, Bahr; her brothers, Walter, Harry, Rennalt and Herman Bahr; her sisters, Julia Moebs, Hazel Rakow, Hannah Owens, Margie Bigelow, Ethel Wurtz and Eleanor Thoma. Visitation will be Thursday, Oct 6 from 3 pm to 8 pm at the Norris Walen Funeral Home, 132 Fremont St., West Chicago. A funeral service will be held at 10 am on Friday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 0S 500 Summit Dr., Winfield, followed by interment at St. Isidore's Cemetery in Bloomingdale. In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Lung Association, Trinity Lutheran Church Memorials, or the National Audubon Society. 630-231-0060.

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