

Lillie M. Williams of Glendale Heights for 27 years. Memorial services for Lillie M. Williams (nee Moore), 84, will be held at 4 p.m. today, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1201 Grove St., Addison. Born April 10, 1919, in Poplar Bluff, Mo., she died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003, at Lexington Healthcare Center of Bloomingdale. Lil was raised in Bakersfield, Calif., and married Paul H. Williams, her high school sweetheart, on Jan. 1, 1939. Growing up in Bakersfield, she was always active in sports. In school, she was a champion broad jumper and also won the girls' decathlon two consecutive years. At age 12, Lil started playing softball. In DePue, Ill., 20 years later, with her six children in the stands, she was the star catcher on the days she wasn't pitching for the Rollo Girls' Softball team. After her last child was born, she was an active stay-at-home mom raising seven children. Lil was also an accomplished artist, teaching many how to paint. The activity that she loved most was teaching the Bible to others. She began studying the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses and dedicated her life to serving God, symbolized by her baptism on Sept. 7, 1957. In 1968, Lil, her husband Paul, and three of their children moved to Columbia, South America, to do missionary work. Returning in 1973, she remained active in teaching the Bible to others until the time of her death. Survivors include her children, Lawrence, Paul Jr. (Phyllis), Jean (Ronald) Weddle, Kathleen (Paul) Olson, Nancy (William) Knapp, Ann (Gary) Stanford and John (Ava); sister, Bernice Stewart of Bakersfield; 23 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, and one of her great-granddaughters, Heather Tesch. Arrangements were made by Cypress Funeral Home, Glendale Heights. Friends may visit www.dailyherald.com/obits to express condolences and sign the guest book. For funeral information, (630)462-6868.

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