



Ruth Teresa Lobdell

December 29, 1921 - September 12, 2005

L O B D E L L

Ruth Teresa Sharrar Lobdell was born December 29, 1921 in Muscatine, Iowa to George and Bessie Mae Gottschalg Sharrar. Mrs. Lobdell passed away September 12, 2005. She lived across the street from St. Mary's Catholic School where the Nuns kept chasing her out and finally let her stay at age 4. She moved to East Moline at six years of age. She was kidnapped by her father who took her to Reed Point, Montana to live with her father's sister at seven years of age. She returned to East Moline when she was twelve by her own devices. Her Aunt was the local postmaster and would not let her letters through. So she devised a way to have a friend smuggle a letter to another town. Her mother cashed in insurance policies to come to Montana to get her along with her two sisters and a brother. This was during the Depression and there was very little money available.

In 1935 she moved to Coal Valley, IL and attended High School, but dropped out in 1938 and married Robert J. McHenry on January 22, 1938 in Kirksville, MO, who preceded her in death.

She attended Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois and graduated in 1969 with a degree in Elementary Education. She taught school in Rock Island, Illinois from 1956 to 1981. Her favorite year teaching was when she worked with 24 students that were below the eighth percentile. There were 18 boys and 6 girls in that class that she helped. She later married Willard "Bill"

Lobdell on January 8, 1982 and lived happily ever after. Survivors include her husband; daughters and son-in-law, Roberta Lanny Wright of Moline, and Kathleen James Baraks of TX; sons and daughters-in-law, Larry W. Jan Kuehl McHenry of New Boston, ILL, Kenneth E. Janette McHenry of Cedar Grove, TN, and Michel D. Pamela McHenry of San Antonio, TX; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; sisters: Marie Wheelock of East Moline, IL, Dorothy Willard of Mission, TX, Rita Younquist of Sonoma, CA; brothers, George Ruth Sharrar of Independence, MO, and Joseph Ann Sharrar of East Moline, IL; step-daughter, Linda Scott O'Rear of San Antonio, TX; stepsons, Mike Lobdell of Los Angeles, CA and Jim Giles of Moline, IL; step-granddaughter, Scotti Trent Campbell of Katy, TX and special grandson, Dwayne Jackson of San Antonio, TX

SERVICES

Memorial Services will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, September 16 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Humane Society or at www.noahswish.org.

Tribute Wall

RA

“ *Ruth and Bill were so kind to me.
I haven't seen Ruth or Bill for quite a few years. Sorry to hear of her passing and my thoughts are with everyone.*

Ron Anderson - September 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Ruth was such a wonderful person who had so much courage and spunk.*

Myrtis Sagebiel - September 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Courage means going against majority opinion in the name of the truth--Vaclav Havel*

Susan K. Hughes - September 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Epsilon Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma was blessed by Ruth's choice to join us. She and Bill have been valuable , special friends for many years to the Chapter and to many individuals. She will be remembered fondly.*

Trudy C. Kinnison - September 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM