

Maxine Ellen Huffstutter



Mrs. Maxine Ellen Huffstutter, 92, died Sunday (December 2, 2012) at River Bluff Nursing Home in Rockford, Illinois. Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Friday (December 7, 2012) at the Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home of Arkansas City, Kansas, with the Rev. Lyman Lauver officiating. Burial will follow in the Parker Cemetery. Friends may greet the family at the funeral home in Arkansas City on Thursday, Dec. 6th, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Mrs. Huffstutter was born May 2nd, 1920 in Arkansas City, KS to Roy A. and Nellie C. [Acker] Brooks. She was educated in Kaw City, Oklahoma. She married James W. Huffstutter on Nov. 25th, 1936 in Newkirk, Oklahoma. She worked four years as a laboratory technician for the Ark City Dairy during World War II. After the war, she & her husband bought a home just one mile north of Arkansas City where they lived for 50 years raising their four daughters. Maxine also drove Arkansas City school buses, including the activity bus, for 18 years before retiring from bus driving in May of 1986. She loved driving her school routes and the children who rode her buses. During her "retirement," she enjoyed sewing therapy items for special needs students in local schools.

Mrs. Huffstutter was a member of the Fifth Avenue United Presbyterian Church in Arkansas City, KS. She was also a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Spencer-Ralston Post #1254 of the VFW. She is survived by her daughters Sue Ellen Huffstutter, M.D. and her husband the Reverend Lyman Lauver of Ludington, MI and Sandra "Sande" Merten Registered Occupational Therapist, her husband David Merten of Roscoe, IL, as well as by seven grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Nellie Brooks, her husband, James W. Huffstutter, her sister, Dorothy Wixon, her two brothers Dr. Harold "Bud" Brooks and Orlin Brooks, and her daughters Sharon Huffstutter and Marcia Huffstutter-Shaffer, Optometrist. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a memorial to the American Cancer Society. Contributions may be made through the funeral home. Arrangements are being made by the Honquest Family Funeral Home of Rockford, IL in conjunction with the Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home of Arkansas City, KS.