

BETTY L. HAWKINS

Feb. 16, 1925 - Feb. 21, 2005

GALVESTON -- Betty L. Hawkins, 80, Galveston, died 5:18 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo. Born Feb. 16, 1925, in Kokomo, she was a daughter of Fred and Golda (Lundstrom) Hoover. On June 21, 1941, in United Methodist Church of Galveston, she married William Clark Hawkins and he preceded her in death in 1986.

She attended Wallace Elementary School in Kokomo and Galveston High School. She retired from Cuneo Press in Kokomo as a supervisor of payroll and timekeeping in 1979. She had also worked for Dietzen's Bakery in Kokomo, Kid Town Pre-school in Galveston, and the Galveston Mini-Mart for 19 years.

Betty was very talented in ceramics and enjoyed it along with all four children. She later had her own ceramic shop in Galveston, known as "The Building" for several years.

In 1943, three weeks after the birth of her first son, she went to Texas to be with her husband, Bill, in the U.S. Army. In the closing years of World War II, they were stationed in California, where her husband helped fight forest fires. They were also in Cheyenne, Wyo., and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Her husband helped to guard German POWs as an MP. From there they were sent to Boston, Mass. She was a member of the Galveston Thimble Club and a 50-year member of the Galveston Order of Eastern Star. She attended Community Bible Ministries Church in Kokomo. She and her husband enjoyed traveling.

Survivors include two sons, Larry J. Hawkins and Ronnie B. Hawkins, both of Galveston; a daughter, Connie Johnson, Galveston; eight grandchildren, Michael and wife Deb Krise, Tipton, Christopher and wife Susan Johnson, Montgomery, Ala., Lisa Campbell-Cain, Kokomo, Jay and wife Kim Hawkins, William Clark "Biff" Hawkins II, all of Galveston, Eric Wade Hawkins, West Middleton, Billy Hawkins and Jenna Hawkins, both of Galveston; eight great-grandchildren, Austin Campbell, Garrett Cain, Tyler Hawkins, Nicole Hawkins, Jaclyn Hawkins, Heather Krise, Taylor Johnson and Lindsay Johnson; two step great-grandchildren, Spenser and Nicholas Graham; a brother-in-law, George Goodner, Lafayette; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Terry L. Hawkins; one brother, Ben Hoover; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Art and Mary Simpson, Nolan and Jenny Alley, Harold and Marge Brown, and Gladys Goodner.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Murray-Weaver Funeral Home Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California St., with Pastor Patrick Kamm officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery. Friends may call 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Galveston Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Service, Galveston. Envelopes will be provided at the funeral home.

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