



Velma Gene Turpin

July 12, 1923 - December 25, 2012

89, of Indianapolis, died on December 25, 2012. Gene was born in Indianapolis on July 12, 1923, to Carl and Edna (Wallace) Emrich. She married Robert Turpin on February 15, 1942, who preceded her in death in 2010. Gene graduated from Manual High School in 1941. During WWII, Gene worked as a receptionist at Curtis Wright and throughout her life served as a bookkeeper for various companies. However, she always considered raising her children and grandchildren her most important occupation. Gene was a charter member of Southport Christian Church (DOC), where she remained very active. She was an avid card player, gardener, and cook who openly and warmly put others before herself. Her loving nature and sense of humor made her dear to all who knew and loved her. Gene is survived by her brother, Carl (Sammy) Emrich; sons, Dennis and Bob (Kathy); daughters, Debbie (Rick) Basham and Patti (Mike) Peck; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many loving extended family members and friends. Visitation will be held Saturday, January 5, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the memorial service at 11:00 a.m. at Southport Christian Church, 201 Epler Ave., Indianapolis, IN, 46227. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels and/or Habitat for Humanity. Arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel.