

Theresa Bright

(Marie) Theresa Bright, 84, of Kankakee, passed away Sunday (Dec. 18, 2011) at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. She donated her body to science so there will be no immediate services. A memorial service is planned for a later date.

Theresa was born in Kankakee County on June 10, 1927, the daughter of George A. and Alice Landroche Menard. She attended St. Patrick Grade and High School and received her GED certification in 1985 from Kankakee Community College.



She started working at age 14 in a small neighborhood grocery store and at other grocery stores in the area. She also worked at J.C. Penney for a time and as an assistant cook at Bonfield Grade School for two years. She retired from Riverside Medical Center after 20 years as a cook.

Theresa is survived by sons, John (Kathy) Bright, of Herscher, Jack (Judi) Bright, of Bourbonnais, and Joe (Leona) Bright, of Bradley; daughters, Rebecca Bright, of Kankakee, Robin Bright, of Manteno, and Mary Beth (Brian) Yeates, of Bradley; also grandsons, Scott (Erin) Bright, of Bradley, Jeffrey (Misty) Bright, of Bourbonnais, Zachary Bright, of Springfield, and Matthew and Nicholas Yeates, of Bradley, and granddaughter, Lauren Bright, of Bourbonnais; as well as great-grandchildren, Hailey and Kayla Bright, of Bourbonnais, and Dylan and Cameron Bright, of Bradley. She is also survived by three sisters-in-law, Dorothy Bright, of Bonfield, Betty (Mario) Sebastiani, of Kankakee, and Elinor Bright, of Manteno; along with many nieces and nephews; and her beloved dog, Buddy.

Theresa enjoyed her family, doing crossword puzzles and playing the piano. She was a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan and she enjoyed life and her many friends. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph L. Bright, whom she married November 8, 1947, in Chicago; her parents, George and Alice Menard; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Adelord Menard (Lucille), Daniel Menard (Pauline), Arthur Menard (Lillian), Joseph Menard (Elsie Bright), and Vincent Menard (Lottie); also her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Joseph and Nora Bright; and many friends who were very dear to her.

Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army of Kankakee, the Kankakee County Humane Foundation (St. Anne), or Morningstar Mission (Joliet). (Pd.)