Obituary

Born: Sunday, March 24, 1929
Died: Thursday, June 27, 2013

Maxine Stewart, 84, of Pittsfield, IL died on Thursday, June 27, 2013 at Illini Community Hospital, Pittsfield, IL. Maxine was born on March 24, 1929 in Arlington, MO to Elijah Layfette and Anna Pearl Willis Peck. She married Gene Crowder on July 16, 1946, and she later married Ray Stewart on February 14, 1981 in Detroit, IL, and he preceded her in death.

In her early years, Maxine worked on an assembly line at Brown Shoe Factory in Pittsfield; she later worked on the assembly line at Capitol Records in Jacksonville, IL. Maxine was a member of the Detroit Christian Church, a 55+ year member of the Pittsfield American Legion Post 152 Auxiliary, and a member of Pittsfield Chapter #195 Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, watching television especially the Cubs Baseball, playing Bingo, and going to the casino boats.

She is survived by two sons, Loren Eugene (Glynda) Crowder, Jr. of Springfield, MO, and Robert D. (Chris) Crowder of Pittsfield, IL, four grandchildren, Kenneth Scott Crowder of Springfield, MO, Amy Kay (Jerrad) Peterson of Parkville, MO, William Kent (Tiffanie) Crowder of Hartville, MO, and Robin Christine (Jacob) Herron of Pittsfield, IL, eight great grandchildren, three special nieces, Tammy Kessler, Janet Stone, and Ann Gardner, along with several nieces and nephews and several great nieces and great nephews.

Maxine was preceded in death by her husband Ray, a brother Robert Peck, a sister, Maeanabelle Leahr, and a granddaughter-in-law, Geri Crowder.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 30, 2013 at the Niebur Funeral Home in Pittsfield, IL. with Michael Ten Eyck officiating. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 12 noon until time of services. An Eastern Star service will be conducted at 1:45 pm prior to the services by the Pittsfield Chapter # 195 Order of the Eastern Star. Burial will be in the Crescent Heights Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, IL.

Memorials are suggested to be made to the Pittsfield American Legion Post #152 Auxiliary, the Pittsfield Chapter # 195 Order of the Easter Star, or the Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.nieburfh.com. The Niebur Funeral Home in Pittsfield is handling the arrangements.
Charitable donations may be made in Maxine's memory to the following organizations:

**Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp**

**Pittsfield American Legion Auxiliary**
1302 W. Washington, Pittsfield, IL 62363