



Margaret "Maggie" Cullen Kruse

July 22, 1925 - December 12, 2016

Margaret "Maggie" Cullen Kruse, 91, of Jackson, Missouri died, December 12, 2016 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

She was born July 22, 1925 in Higginsville, MO to Alfred and Hazel George Schultze.

She married CR Gillilan in Higginsville, MO in 1947 and that marriage resulted in 2 children, Kim and Randy. CR passed away in 1963 and Randy in 2014. She later married John Kenneth Kruse on June 28, 1969 at Hutchinson, Kansas.

After high school, she went to Kansas City General Nursing School and became a nurse by the way of the Cadet Program that was offered at that time during WWII. Her nursing career began in Rolla, MO and then Warrensburg, MO where she worked labor and delivery in both places. She later moved to Hutchinson, KS in 1955 where she continued her career in labor and delivery as a charge nurse. Years later, she became nursing supervisor of pediatrics, post-partum, nursery, and gynecological surgeries. Shortly before her retirement in 1985, she received the "Nurse of the Year" award from the Kansas Chapter of the Nurses Association American College of OB/GYN.

She was a member of New McKendree Methodist Church in Jackson.

Survivors include her husband, John Kenneth Kruse of Jackson, MO, a daughter, Kim (Randy) Webster, of Gordonville, MO; granddaughters, Mollie (Bryan) Austin, of Jackson, MO, and Megan (Seth) Fortenberry, of Waco, TX; great-grandchildren, Cooper, Caroline, Allyson, and Aubree.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, CR Gillilan and her son, Randy.

Memorial service will be at 3:00 PM Sunday, January 15, 2017 at New McKendree Methodist Church, Jackson with the Rev. Jimmie Corbin and David Israel officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the music department at the church as she so dearly loved the vocal choir as well as the bell choir.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 15. 3:00 PM (CT)

New McKendree UMC
225 S. High St.
Jackson, MO 63755