

Gail B. (Urheim) Fernandes (1937 - 2016)



Gail B. Fernandes, 79, of Jacksonville died Sunday, March 13, 2016, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

She was born February 3, 1937, the daughter of Bernard E. and M. Berneice O'Hara Urheim. She married Don "Chico" Fernandes on June 16, 1956, at St. Cletus Church in La Grange, and he preceded her in death on March 1, 2016.

Mrs. Fernandes was a 1955 graduate of Lyons Township High School in La Grange and attended MacMurray College. While raising her family, she held various jobs and retired in 1997 from the Jacksonville Developmental Center. She was a member of Church of Our Saviour and Catholic Daughters of America. She was an active volunteer with many community organizations including Passavant Auxiliary.

Gail loved playing bridge with friends and Scrabble with her family. She enjoyed traveling and spending winters in Texas at Fun N Sun on Cape Jasmine 231. She spent the past several years caring for her loving husband, Don.

She is survived by two sons and three daughters, Don (Ann) Fernandes of Bloomington, Patty McCabe of Normal, Susie Pennell of Jacksonville, Julie (Jay) McNichols of Homer, Glen and Mike (Kelly) Fernandes of Bloomington; nine grandchildren, Jennifer Fernandes of Greenville, South Carolina, Tyler McCabe of Atlanta, Georgia, Jessica (Chris) Smyth of Canton, Georgia, Rachel (Matt) McGuire of Jacksonville, Blake Surratt of

Springfield, Logan McNichols and Emily McNichols, both of Homer Glen, and Alex Fernandes and Kylie Fernandes, both of Bloomington; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, John E. Urheim (surviving wife, Maxine of Scottsdale, Arizona).