



## **Stella Rainford**

**Aug. 13, 1917 - Nov. 12, 2015**

Stella Rainford, 98, of Clinton, IL and formerly of Lake Village, IN, passed away Thursday, November 12, 2015, at Hawthorne Inn in Clinton, IL. She was born on August 13, 1917, in Tazwell County, Spring Lake Twp. near Manito, IL, to parents, Perry and Aggie (Cox) Bailey. She married Russell K. Rainford on June 25, 1937 at the Presbyterian Church in Lake Village, IN. He passed away on July 2, 2001.

Stella graduated from high school in Mt. Ayer, IN, class of 1935. Her many activities during her lifetime included upholstering furniture, sewing slipcovers, hanging wallpaper, painting and cleaning homes, making clothing alterations, cutting gladiolas for a florist, and rooting for the Cubs. Her last employment was at Baker and Taylor Wholesale Bookhouse in Momence, IL. In her retirement years she became an avid hand quilter making quilts for her family and others, even doing professional quilting for a quilt shop. She was a charter member of the Village Baptist Church in Lake Village, IN, where she served as the secretary-treasurer for

many years. After moving to Clinton, she became affiliated with the First Church of the Nazarene.

Darryl & Marilyn Bremner first brought Stella, Marilyn's mother, down to Fun N Sun in 2005. Her place of residence was at Ginger #232. Fun N Sun brought new life to Stella as she became very active with "Do your own thing," "Toys for Tots," and "Ronald's Angel's." She had innumerable friends, enjoyed the entertainment and Vance Greek's ministry. Stella was uplifted in going over to Rio Hondo occasionally to the Baptist Church. She became very fond of Vance Greek's father-in-law (Pastor Gene Horton) because he simply preached the "Love of Jesus". It was a sad moment for her when we sold her place in February, 2015, due to her health. Fun N Sun was her utopia on earth.

Surviving are Stella's two children, Kenneth (Cathy) Rainford of Chandler, AZ, and Marilyn (Darryl) Bremner of Clinton, IL; four grandchildren, Alan (Denise) Rainford of Mechanicsburg, IL, Julie (Brian) Grow of Clarkston, MI, Jason (Kristen) Lieving of Springfield, IL, and Michael (Pat) Lieving of Willow Springs, MO; 5 great grandchildren, Shelby, Allison, and Linda Marie Rainford and Brooke and Holly Grow; one step grandchild, Tommy Lieving; sister, Hettie Abbott of Rensselaer, IN, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; 6 brothers, Oscar, Chester, Charles, Paul, two stillborn; four sisters, Maude, Flora, Ethel, and Pauline.