



(1921 - 2017)

Julia Robertine Ward, 96, of Jacksonville, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, at Heritage Health in Jacksonville, Illinois.

She was born Sept. 26, 1921, in Chandlerville, the daughter of Otis and Lillian (Stroh) Gerdes. She married James Carrigan and he preceded her in death in 1961. Robertine married Manuel M. Ward on April 6, 1968, and he survives.

She is also survived by four children, Jim (Mary) Carrigan and **Judy (Harry) Buck**, both of Jacksonville, Mike (Joan) Carrigan of Springfield, Missouri, and JoAnn (Dan) Willard of South Jacksonville; 11 grandchildren, Chris (Barry) Hickman of Springfield, Joanie (Jerome) Themig of Jacksonville, Jamie (Dean) Schaben of Springdale, Arkansas, Katie (Adam) Filler of Noblesville, Indiana, and Monica (Chad) Ducey, of Fisher, Indiana, Harry (Karen) Buck III and Teri (Melvin) Dambacher, both of Springfield, John (Jenny) Casey of Jacksonville, Mark (Lisa) Casey and Barb Carrigan, both of Springfield, Missouri, and Jim (Tracy) Carrigan of Chicago; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Wayne Gerdes of Tennessee and Doug (Donna) Gerdes of Chandlerville. Robertine is also survived by three stepchildren, Gene (Mary Lou) Ward of South Jacksonville, Juanita (John) Schmidt of Chicago, and Janet Coltor of Iowa. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Mary Beth

Vetter, and two brothers, Russell Gerdes and Delbert Gerdes.

Robertine retired as supervisor of housekeeping from the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired. She was a longtime member of the Church of Our Saviour and enjoyed bowling and golf.