



Maxine L. Hari

March 28, 1924 - January 6, 2017

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“ *Maxine Louise Hari*

Maxine Louise (Sampson) Hari, 92, of Batavia, IL (formerly of Aurora, IL) passed away on Friday, January 6, 2017 at Presence Mercy Hospital in Aurora, IL due to a heart attack cause by severe abdominal pain. She was born the second daughter of four children on March 28, 1924 to William G. and Caroline “Carrie” W. (Ernst) Sampson in rural (Township of Northville) Somonauk, IL where their family farm was located. Maxine was baptized on June 1, 1924 at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Somonauk and confirmed at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fairbury, IL on October 7, 1956. She attended Plano High School Class of 1942.

She married Ervin Gene Hari on March 17, 1947 in Aurora, IL and they had a son, James Ervin Hari. After her divorce in 1966, she moved to Oswego, IL to be closer to her family. She then resided in Aurora, IL from 1967-2014. While in Aurora, she worked as a switchboard operator/secretary for 20 years from 1966-1987 at then Aurora College, which later became Aurora University in 1971. She attended St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Montgomery, IL and was an active member from 1968-2007.

She loved to traveled with her cousin, Mildred D. (Jacob) Bitterman, on bus trips to Door County, WI, Denver, CO; Mackinac Island, WI; Yellowstone, WY; Niagara Falls, NY/Toronto, Canada; Lake Tahoe/Reno, NV; Branson, MO and Gatlinburg, TN. She always enjoyed trips up to her sisters’ cabins in Lauderdale Lake and Beaver Dam both in WI. She enjoyed the scenery whenever she traveled.

After 34 years of residing on Harrison Street, in 2002 she downsized and moved to LSSI Senior Housing off Downer Place, Aurora. While living there, in 2009 she transferred her membership to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Aurora, IL. She was very spiritual and enjoyed her Bible Study Classes offered by the church with Kitty Weber as their Bible Study leader. In July 2014 she took a fall

and her son had her moved to Bickford of St. Charles, IL to be nearer to him. One year later, she moved again to Heritage Woods of Batavia, IL where she resided until her death.

Her memory was sharp and she would often recite at family gatherings. Her favorite poems were "In Flanders Fields" by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD of the Canadian Army at Thanksgiving and "A Christmas Poem" by Gertrude Hanson at Christmas time. "The Daffodils" by William Wordsworth brought her comfort.

She will be remembered as a loving mother, wonderful grandmother, sister, Aunt, and a sweet, kind and generous soul to all who crossed her path. Survivors include her only son James (Katherine A.) Hari of St. Charles; grandsons Alexander J. Hari, Chicago, IL and Trevor J.S. (TJ) Hari of Northridge, CA; sister Helen J. (late John H.) Steinkamp, Nashville, TN; sister-in-laws Norma (late Donald G.) Sampson, Montgomery, IL; Lucille (John) Koehl, Joliet, IL; Carol (Ray) Hari of Gibson City, IL; as well as many nieces and nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister & brother-in-law Betty "Jean" and Andrew V. Anderson; brother Donald G. Sampson; brother-in-law John "Jack" H. Steinkamp; nephews Douglas A. Anderson, Steven C. Anderson, and Joseph A. Steinkamp, niece Theresa J. (Anderson) Kuehlem; and Ervin G. Hari.

Memorial services will be on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aurora, IL at 10:30 am with Rev. John Fritz officiating. Interment will be private at the Oak Ridge Cemetery, Sandwich, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 85 South Constitution Dr., Aurora, IL 60506.