



Lola (Tatge) Schmelzer

December 25, 1924 - June 20, 2012

Lola M. Schmelzer (nee Tatge), age 87, of Davenport, FL, formerly of Beecher and Chicago Heights, IL, and St. John, IN, passed away on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, in Kissimmee, FL. Lola is survived by her loving daughter Carol (Michael) Manes and granddaughters Carrie and Robin Manes, all of Florida; also brothers-in-law Donald (Dorothy) Schmelzer, Francis (Juanita) Schmelzer, and Raymond Schmelzer, and cousins, nieces and nephews. Lola was preceded in death three months ago by her devoted husband of 63 years, Milton; sister Marion Taussig, brother Dr. Elroy Tatge, and parents Elmer and Della Tatge. Lola was valedictorian of Beecher High School class of 1942. She worked for many years as a bookkeeper at automobile dealerships. She was a 58-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary Thornton Unit 1070; formerly an active member of AARP chapters 3792 in Thornton and 1552 of Lake County, IN; Schererville Seniors and Tri-Town Seniors; and a volunteer at Franciscan St. Margaret Health in Dyer. Visitation will be on Monday, June 25, 2012, at Hack Funeral Home, 753 Hodges St., Beecher, IL, from 3:00-8:00 PM. Funeral will be at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, June 26, 2012, at St. Luke United Church of Christ, 725 Penfield St., Beecher, with Rev. Tom Ewing officiating. Interment at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Beecher.