



Crawford Lee Erma

February 14, 2012

Erma Lee Crawford October 9, 1925-February 14, 2012 Erma Lee Crawford, 86, of Deshler, died Tuesday morning, February 14, 2012 at Oak Grove Healthcare Center, Deshler. She was born October 9, 1925 in Hannibal, Missouri, the daughter of Carl and Ruby (Mooney) Day. While both were attending Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois she met Laurel "Nick" Crawford. On February 26, 1945 they married and when Nick returned from service in World War II, together they operated Crawford Industries, a farm drainage and machine shop business in Deshler. Nick preceded her in death on April 18, 2002. Erma Lee was a member of Deshler Presbyterian Church where she was a past elder, choir singer and superintendent and Sunday School teacher for over 30 years. She was a former Girl Scout Troop Leader for 10 years. She was a freelance writer and artist, and with this talent she loved to mentor many children with her skills. She was a member of Northwest Christian Writers Group; Deshler Art League; Aladdin Club; Deshler American Legion Post 316 Auxiliary; and the former VFW Auxiliary. She is survived by sisters, Lillian Hines, Salem, Virginia and Ollive Williams, Maryville, Illinois; special nieces, nephews, friends and members of the Crawford and Day families. Services are 11:00 a.m., Saturday at Deshler Presbyterian Church with Rev. James Shotwell and Pastor Richard Betts officiating. Burial will follow in Grelton Cemetery. Visitation is 4-8 p.m., Friday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Deshler and 10-11 a.m., Saturday prior to the services at the church. Memorials are suggested to Deshler Presbyterian Church or donor's choice. w

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Tribute Wall



“ Dear Family of Erma Lee Crawford: I just heard today of the death of Erma Lee. In my years of growing up in Deshler, Ohio, Erma Lee was a wonderful role model for me particularly in her involvement with the youth (circa 1960s) at the Deshler Presbyterian Church. She was my Sunday school teacher and we sat next to each other in the church choir. I lived with my parents one block away from Erma Lee on Elm Street and would often visit her in the big white house. I loved Erma Lee, her positive attitude, compassion and interest in others and her creativity which was expressed in many forms during her life. She is truly a person that has lefted this world a better place for having been here and she will be missed by her family, friends and the community of Deshler. Linda L.
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April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We will miss you Aunt Erma Lee. You were always so kind to my siblings and me. Sharing your time teaching us (as children) Arts and Crafts. And being my most loyal pen pal. I'll treasure the childhood letters you were thoughtful enough to return to me so I could enjoy them as an adult. May God bless you and may you rest in peace.###imported-begin###Marcie Francisco-malenick###imported-end##

February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We send our sympathy to Erma Lees family. Sorry we cant be there, we are in Florida at this time. We share your loss, as she was a very dear friend and neighbor. Tom and Jan Wright###imported-begin###Tom And Jan Wright###imported-end##

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“ To Erma Lee's family, I want to extend my deepest sympathies. I am so blessed to have been a part of Erma Lee's life, even if only for a few months. She was definitely one of a kind and will be greatly missed. Sending lots of prayers your way.##imported-begin##Cari Baird##imported-end##

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