Erma M. Biederman January 31, 1925 - February 5, 2013

Erma M. Biederman, 88, of Freeport passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, surrounded by her family at F.H.N. Memorial Hospital, Freeport, IL.

Erma was born on January 31, 1925 in Brodhead, Wisconsin, the daughter of Fred and Ida (Rhyner) Schenk. Erma grew up in Monticello, Wisconsin and graduated from Monticello High School and later moved to Freeport.

Erma married Bernard E. Biederman on November 23, 1944. He died November 12, 1997. Erma worked many years at Northwest Telephone Company as an operator and was later employed by Freeport Memorial Hospital.

Erma was active in White Shrine, Eastern Star, Order of Amaranth, Scottish Rite Women's Club and Ladies Auxiliary to Freeport Commandery, in which she held numerous offices.

Erma is survived by her children, Dennis (Dale) Biederman of Jackson, Wisconsin, Janice (Thomas) Barrette of Savanna, and Robert Biederman of Chicago, Illinois. She will be dearly missed by them as well as her grandchildren, John, Jason (Jill) and Jeffrey Biederman, Brent and Heath (Jean) Barrette; and her great-grandchildren, Kennedy Biederman and Braden and Drew Barrette. Erma is also survived by her sister, Alice (Ken) Holcomb of Highland, Indiana; and several special nieces and nephews.