

## JOHANNA “JO” A. BENKERT

Johanna “Jo” A. Benkert, age 91, of Janesville, formerly of Monticello, died Wednesday, June 7, 2006 at Cozy Little Acre in Janesville where she has resided the past four years.

Johanna was born January 25, 1915 in Monroe, the daughter of Adrian and Anna (Winterberger) Maurer. She married Norman W. Benkert on November 13, 1974 in Effingham. IL. She worked at Oaktron Industries in Monroe for 14 years, attended Zwingli United Church of Christ in Monticello, and was a member of the Monroe Women of the Moose.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary (Daniel) Eley of Janesville, and Joan (William) Mann of Frankfort, IN; two step-sons, Daniel (Molly) Benkert of Rapid City, SD, Fred (Mary) Benkert of Delafield, WI; two step-daughters, Norma Jean (Warren) Duff of Evansville, and Patty (Stephen) Pederson of Monticello; four grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; eight step- great-grandchildren; a brother, Werner Weissenfluh of Monroe; and two sisters, Rosie Mader of Switzerland and Ruth Fiene of Davis, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Norman W. Benkert on Jan. 17, 1989; a daughter. Betty Jean Rear in infancy; a brother. John Maurer; a sister. Charlotte Deppeler; and two sisters-in-law, Hazel Weissenfluh and Arlene Maurer.

Funeral services were held Monday. June 12. 2006. at 11:00 am. at Zwingli United Church of Christ. Monticello. with Rev. Lawrence Balleine officiating. Interment was held in Highland Cemetery. Monticello. Friends called at the Voegeli-Newcomer Funeral Home, Monticello.

Memorials in Johanna’s name were given to Mercy Assisted Care Hospice of Janesville or Zwingli United. Church of Christ.

