

Eileen L. Preston

Hixton, WI

Eileen L. Preston, 84, of Hixton, WI, passed away on Friday, October 9, 2015, at Parkside Assisted Living, Black River Falls, while under the care of Black River Memorial Hospice, Black River Falls.

Eileen was born to Herman and Alice (Shaw) Krome on June 13, 1931, in Sechlerville, WI. She graduated from Hixton High School in 1948. Eileen was employed in the office at Trane Company in La Crosse, WI, until united in marriage to Vernie L. Preston in December 1950. She and Vernie had three children, Gail (David) Jelinek of Black River Falls, Verna Kay Preston, who passed away as an infant, and Terry L. Preston, who passed away at the age of 43 from cancer.

Eileen was employed by Jackson County Bank, Hixton station, from 1964 until 1991, the 10 years as manager. For the next 10 years they enjoyed winters snow-birding in Arizona, Florida, and Texas; as well as great adventures traveling to China and Europe.

Eileen was a member of the United Methodist Church in Hixton, which she served as Treasurer; and the Hixton Legion Auxiliary. She was a Den Mother for the Cub Scouts that Terry was a member.

She is survived by her daughter, Gail (David) Jelinek; 5 grandchildren, Kari (Rick) Jelinek-Christenson, Dallas (Jennifer) Jelinek, Jennifer Preston, Josh (Audrey Kiefer) Preston, and Jamie (Alex Zank) Preston; 6 great grandchildren, Allison and Paige Christenson, Fheonix and Sydney Jelinek, Gabriella Preston, and Lincoln Zank; other relatives and friends.

Eileen was preceded in death by her husband, Vernie; infant daughter, Verna Kay; son, Terry; parents, Herman and Alice; brother, Archie Krome; cousin, Shirley Uhlig, who was raised in her home; in-laws, Roy and Ida Preston.

Celebration of Life service will be conducted on Friday, October 23, 2015, 11:00 a.m., at the United Methodist Church, Hixton, WI. Reverend Meg Erickson will be officiating.

Friends may call at the church Friday, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

The family requests memorials be directed to Black River Memorial Hospice, Hixton American Legion, Hixton First Responders or Hixton Fire Department.

Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home of Hixton is assisting the family with arrangements.