



Pearl Elsie Rich

November 19, 1936 - October 20, 2023

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11/19/36 – 10/20/23

Pearl was born in Southwest City MO the second eldest of 9 children. She is survived by 4 of her siblings Clarence (Junior) Hood, Mary Kimery, Donnie Hodd & Connie Leppala as well as 5 children Dorothy Jolly, Catherine Heuer, Harry (Jr) Zonker, Michael Rich & Kimberly Rich also 9 grandchildren, several great grandchildren & even great-great grandchildren. Pearl is joined in death with her parents Clarence & Dorothy Hood, brothers Jeff, Bob, Ralph & Ricky Hood as well as her grandson Adrian Green & great grandson Austin Smith. Pearl retired from the IRS in 2003 after 27 years and beat non-Hodgkins Lymphoma the following year. She then moved back to her hometown of Rich Hill and continued to enjoy her hobbies of traveling, reading a good mystery from authors like Jd Robb & Agatha Christie, music from her favorite artists like Marty Robbins, The Statler Brothers or John Denver & lots of crafting. She made hundreds of handmade quilts stitched with love and custom embroidery. The love for her family was undeniable as she insisted on hosting family reunions every Independence Day to keep in touch as her family grew to impeccable numbers. Pearl passed away peacefully at home, in her bed surrounded by family. She leaves behind a legacy of strength, determination, resilience, and love. Her soft presence will be missed by many.