



Ellen B. Burke

December 2, 1938 - August 25, 2016

PRINCETON — Ellen "Bernice" Burke, 77, of Princeton, and most recently Liberty Village, died at 2:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, 2016.

She was born Dec. 2, 1938, in Hodgenville, Ky., the daughter of Fred and Gertie (Warren) Sprowls. She married Thomas Michael Burke on Oct. 19, 1957, in Earlville. He preceded her in death on Jan. 26, 2015.

Bernice graduated from Earlville High School. She had worked as a clerk at the Princeton Ben Franklin store and a lunch lady at Princeton High School.

She was a member of Princeton American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 125. Her greatest joy was visits with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed playing bingo and crossword puzzles.

Survivors include two daughters, Kathy (Greg) Johnson of Princeton and Patty (Mike) Roberts of West Salem, Ohio; one son, Michael (John) Cormier-Burke of Sharon Springs, N.Y.; three brothers, Kenneth Sprowls, Mitchell (Ardith) Sprowls and Fred (Robbyn) Sprowls; one sister, Doris Greenfield; four

grandchildren, Sarah Johnson, Drew (Kelly) Johnson, Katie Roberts and Shawn Roberts; two great-grandchildren, Myka and Gwendolyn Johnson; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and two brothers.

At Bernice's request, there will be no funeral or visitation. Cremation was accorded and her remains will be interred in a private family ceremony at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

The Norberg Memorial Home in Princeton is assisting the family. Online condolences may be left at <http://www.norbergfh.com/>.