



Madge W. Birkey

December 22, 1918 - April 24, 2015

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MACOMB — Madge W. Birkey of Macomb, formerly of Princeton, passed away at 10 p.m. Friday, April 24, 2015, at Wesley Village Care Center, 1200 E. Grant St.

She was born Dec. 22, 1918, to Charles E. and Marian Sarah Anthony Odell in Bureau Township near Wyanet. She was a graduate of Bureau Township High School, Class of 1936. She married Virgil E. Pierson on Jan. 25, 1941. He preceded her in death in August 1962. In September 1969, she married Ward Birkey. He preceded her in death in May 2001.

Madge was employed at the University of Illinois Extension Service, Bureau County office in Princeton, for many years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Princeton, where she was active in the United Methodist Women. She was also a member of the Woman's Club of Princeton.

She is survived by her son, Max E. (Diane) Pierson of Macomb; two grandchildren, Eric E. (Suzanne) Pierson of Fishers, Ind., and Amanda (Andy) Bell of New Richmond, Wis.; four great-grandchildren; one stepson-in-law,

Bobby Phillips of Lillian, Ala.; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Doris Hoover; her first husband, Virgil; her second husband, Ward; and her stepdaughter, Carol Phillips.

The family will receive friends from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, April 30, at the Norberg Memorial Home, 701 E. Thompson St., Princeton. A funeral ceremony will follow the visitation at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Jim Miller officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Princeton, or to Wesley Village in Macomb, or the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be left at www.norbergfh.com

All arrangements have been made through Norberg Memorial Home, Princeton, IL.

Cemetery Details

Elm Lawn Memorial Park

Knox St
Princeton, IL 61356