



## Minerva L. Heaton

June 21, 1924 - September 16, 2018

Princeton – Minerva L. Heaton, 94, of Princeton, IL passed away peacefully at 4 a.m. Sunday, September 16, 2018 at Aperion Care, Princeton, IL.

Born June 21, 1924 in Princeton, IL, she was a daughter of Alvin and Lula (Steele) Anderson. She married Clifford A. Heaton on February 28, 1948 at the Congregational Church in Dover, IL. Clifford preceded her in death on December 5, 2010.

Minerva attended Millikin University and Iowa State University majoring in Home Economics. She and Clifford raised their family on a farm near Kasbeer, IL. She was active in her children's school and extracurricular activities such as cub scouts and 4-H. She always supported their diverse interest.

As a skilled seamstress she loved making Barbie doll clothes for her daughter and her friends. She even made her own wedding dress and all the bridesmaid dresses. Minerva was a member of First United Methodist Church in Princeton, IL. Until her health declined, she was involved in the Methodist Women's Club activities. For a few years, Minerva enjoyed working at Bonco's in Princeton, IL making decorative items sold to bakeries such as wedding cake toppers.

Minerva is survived by two sons, Stephen (Isabel) of Fairfield, Iowa, Ted

(Luanne) of Princeton, IL, and daughter Linda (Chuck) Matthews of Mesa, AZ; four grandchildren, Eric (Heather) Heaton of Princeton, IL, Luke (Paige) Heaton of Ohio, IL, Melissa (Patrick) Trainor of Dewey, IL; and Brian (Debbie) Matthews of Issaquah, WA. She also had eight great grandchildren; Jack, Gabe, Samuel, Lydia and Ruby Heaton; Halle, Duke and Maverick Trainor.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Clifford Heaton, and a sister, Mildred Anderson.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church in Princeton, IL from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, followed by a private family service at 4:00 pm, officiated by Pastor Brian Gilbert.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Princeton Christian Academy and First United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be left at [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathy at the loss of your mother. I believe we are related through the Steeles. My grandmother was Lottie Steele Stetson and I believe a first cousin to Lula Steele Anderson. Their grandmother was Susan Zearing Steele who made each of them a beautiful handkerchief to carry on their wedding days. Such a cherished heirloom! Ours has been sent all over the United States.*

*I did meet your mother when she came to visit either Mildred or another lady at Colonial Hall years ago.*

*Again my sympathy,*  
*Sue Bennett Norton*  
*Neponset, Il.*

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**Sue Norton** - September 21, 2018 at 10:58 PM

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“ *We were very saddened to hear of Minerva's passing. I remember going out to the farm to visit Minerva, Cliff, Steve, Ted and Linda was one of my favorite things to do when we visited Princeton. Minerva made me an entire wardrobe for my Barbie dolls - many of which I still have. Amazing. She always had a smile on her face. Rest in peace Minerva. Cindy (Hoover) and Jack Colon.*

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**Cindy Colon** - September 21, 2018 at 09:32 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Minerva L. Heaton.*



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September 19, 2018 at 10:58 AM