



## Shirley Espel

August 13, 1931 - December 5, 2007

Shirley Espel  
1931-2007

Funeral service for Shirley Espel, age 76 of Princeton, will be Saturday, Dec 08, 2007 at 2:00 PM at the First Lutheran Church of Princeton. Rev. Barbara Ollila will officiate. Burial will follow in the Oakland Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday, Dec 07, 2007 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Norberg Memorial Home.

Mrs. Espel passed away on Wednesday, Dec 05, 2007 at Perry Memorial Hospital. She was born on Aug 13, 1931 in Kewanee, Illinois to George and Agnes (Anderson) Venell. Shirley graduated from Kewanee High School in 1949 and from Peoria Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. She married Dale Espel on Feb. 11, 1951 in the Zion Lutheran Church in Kewanee. Shirley worked as a surgical technician at Perry Memorial Hospital and Geneva Delnor Hospital. She was an active member of First Lutheran Church of Princeton. She was also an associate member of the Calvary Lutheran Church in Park Rapids, MN. In addition she was a member of WELCA in the Rebecca circle, she was past president of Church Women United, helped run the closet, belonged to the Bureau Co. Home Extension, and the Women's Golf League in Park Rapids MN. Her hobbies included Golf, bridge, quilting, needlework, bird watching and reading.

Shirley is survived by her husband of 56 years, Dale Espel of Princeton. Also surviving are six children:

Larry (Cynthia Hasselbusch) Espel of MN

Mary Lynne (Kenneth) Payne of ME

Amy (Gary) Haut of Lockport, IL

Timothy (Ann) Espel of Hampshire, IL

Thomas (Carolyn) Espel of ND

Susan (Jim) English of Bollingbrook, IL

16 Grandchildren

One sister Marilyn (Albert) Hanson of WA

And many nieces and nephews

Her trusted caregiver Sylvia Irving.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be directed to First Lutheran Church of Princeton.

# Cemetery Details

## **Oakland Cemetery**

Park Avenue  
Princeton, IL 61356