

**Ruth Janes, Evansville, Wisc.**

**1932-2017**

**EVANSVILLE, Wisc. -- Ruth L. Janes, 84, died July 18, 2017. Ruth was born Aug. 6, 1932, in Stoughton, Wisc., the daughter of Russell and Opal (Henry) Thorsen. She attended Kegonsa Country School and graduated from Stoughton High School in 1950. After graduation, Ruth worked at Oscar Mayer until 1953.**

**On Feb. 14, 1953, Ruth was united in marriage with Melvin Janes at Central Lutheran Church in Stoughton, Wisc. She lived and helped on the family farm known as "Pine Knoll Farms" in Evansville for more than 63 years.**

**Ruth had been a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Evansville, since 1953 and a long-time member of Goodwill Community Club. She also enjoyed quilting with the ladies of St. John's for many years and made a beautiful quilt for each of her 10 grandchildren. She was an excellent cook, enjoyed trying new things and had made lefse for many years for family, friends and church functions. She loved the time she spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ruth and Mel liked to travel and had been on many trips in the United States and abroad. They both were members of a card club with nine other couples for more than 50 years.**

**Surviving are her husband, Mel; sons, Rod (Jan) of Darien, Wisc., Dan (Michelle) and Bob (Cheryl) of Evansville, Wisc., and Ken (Kaye) of Wooster; grandchildren, Heather (Nate) Wagner, Jake, Emily (David) Glindinning, Wade (Rachel), Amanda (Justin) Morton, Ashley, Allison, Parker (Amanda Burchardt), Lauren (Tom Bjugstad) and Brooke; great-**

**grandchildren, Finnley, Ashlyn, Hadley, Lela, Alyvia and Claire; a brother, Leo Thorsen of Stoughton, Wisc.; a sister-in-law, Janette Klemp of Edgerton, Wisc.; and several nieces and nephews.**

**She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Linda; a brother, Bob Thorsen; a sister, Mayre Lou Thorsen; brothers-in-law, Don Janes and Walter Klemp; and a sister-in-law, Janice Janes.**

**Visitation will be Friday, July 21 from 4-7 p.m. at Ward-Hurtley Funeral Home in Evansville, Wisc. Funeral services will be Saturday, July 22 at 11 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Evansville, with pastor George Carlson officiating. Burial will be in Maple Hill Cemetery, Evansville.**

**In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to St. John's Lutheran Church, Evansville; or Wisconsin Heart Association.**

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