

Eileen M. Richason

Services for Eileen M. Richason, 89, of Logansport, will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. James Lutheran Church.

She died at 6:05 p.m. Sunday, May 2, 2004, in Logansport Memorial Hospital.

Born Jan. 14, 1915, in Hurdsfield, N.D., she was the daughter of Milo and Hannah Bohn Flanagan. She was married Sept. 20, 1934, in Cass County, to Robert L. Richason, who preceded in death July 4, 1980.

Mrs. Richason taught for 24 years at Mexico, Tipton Township, Galveston, Walton, Washington Township and Southeastern School Corporation in a variety of positions, specializing in third-grade and remedial reading. She started the first remedial reading program at Southeastern before there were any funds available. Mrs. Richason started and administered the first Migrant Education program at Southeastern School Corporation. In 1976, she was selected as one of the top teachers in the State of Indiana.

Mrs. Richason was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, where she was a member of the Mary-Martha Guild. She also was a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association and the Retired Teachers of Cass County.

Eileen enjoyed aquacise at the Cass County Family Y. She also enjoyed playing cards, especially at Bridge Club and Euchre Club, where she was the last survivor in the club. Eileen enjoyed Lewis Cass High School and Purdue University athletics, and Carroll High School musical productions. She and her husband, Bob, enjoyed ballroom dancing. Most of all, she enjoyed her family and seldom missed anything in which her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were involved.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Robert L. Richason and his wife, Sue, Logansport; one daughter-in-law, Jinner Richason, Logansport; one daughter and son-in-law, Patricia Spence and her husband, Joe, Bringham; 10 grandsons, Douglas Richason and his wife, Patti, Patrick Richason and his wife, Lori, and James Richason and his wife, Angel, all of Logansport, Jeffrey Richason and his wife, Kara, Lafayette, David Richason and his wife, Stephanie, Zionsville, Philip Richason, Bedford, Daniel Richason and his wife, Sue, Greensburg, Pa., Peter Richason and his wife, Dawn, Noblesville, Sean Spence, Davidson, Mich., and Ryan Spence and his wife, Jamie, Merrillville; two granddaughters, Jeanie Robertson and her husband, Eric, Walton, and Erin Hamilton and her husband, Mike, Houston; eight grandsons, Austin Richason, Andrew Richason, Loudon Richason, Noah Richason, Tanner Richason, Luke Richason, Ben Robertson and Nick Robertson; 11 great-granddaughters, Megan Richason, Madisyn Richason, Delaney Richason, Katey Richason, Gianna Richason, Chelsea Richason, Maura Spence, Sarah Robertson, Casey Robertson, Emily Robertson and Riley Hamilton; one niece, Carol Nisbet; and one nephew, Steve Philapy.

One son, Jack Richason; one sister, Geraldine Philapy; and one granddaughter-in-law, Charlene Richason, preceded in death.

Pastor Marvin Hinkle will officiate at the services. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in Kroeger Funeral Home, and one hour before services Thursday in the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. James Lutheran Church.

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