



Ms. Virginia "Ruth" Edwards

November 18, 1927 - March 18, 2020

Ruth Edwards, 92, of Salem, Illinois passed away Thursday, March 18, 2020 at Odin Care Center.

Born November 18, 1927 in Iuka, IL, she was the daughter of Walter W. and Lyda E. (Middleton) St. Clair.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Salem Assembly of God, the Salem American Legion Auxiliary, loved her family and all animals. Gifted with a beautiful voice, she sang through the years in church, for weddings and funerals. Widowed at a young age, her husband, while serving in the United States Marines was listed MIA during the Korean War. She was a faithful member of the Gold Star Mothers.

She married Thomas L. Edwards, October 3, 1948 in Iuka, and he preceded her in death, August 6, 1952.

Surviving are her loving daughters, Mary Ellen Grimes of Walnut Hill, Illinois and Wanda Evans of Marion, Illinois. Also a grandson whom she helped raise, Justin Evans and wife Yunny of San Diego, CA. Also left to mourn her passing is a sister, Naomi St. Clair.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son-

in-law, Capt. Richard Grimes.

Ms. Edwards chose to be cremated, with no public visitation or funeral to be observed at this time.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled Veterans, and may be left with Sutherland - Rankin Funeral Home, 310 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 97, Salem, Illinois 62881 (618) 548-1234, entrusted with the family's care. On-line condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com.