

PLAINFIELD — Lois J. Hill, 92, passed away peacefully May 19 at Lakewood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, surrounded by her loving family.



Hill

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 9, with the Rev. Jeremy Dixon C.M.

officiating. Visitation will be 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at St. Columba Catholic Church prior to services Thursday at the church. She will be buried in St. Columba Cemetery.

Lois was born Oct. 29, 1923, in Ottawa, to Edward and Margaret Dunn. She grew up in central Ottawa with sisters, Shirley Bayer, Cecelia Filippini and Dorothy Lahey and brother Kenneth Dunn. They all preceded her in death.

Lois graduated from St. Columba Grade School, Ottawa High School, La Salle-Peru-Oglesby Junior College and Northern Illinois University, eventually earning her master's degree in elementary education. She married Duane Hill on March 30, 1951; he preceded her in

death in 1986.

She first taught at Hess School, a one-room schoolhouse near Wedron, and another one-room schoolhouse in Deer Park. She substituted in many rural schools including Sheridan, Waltham and Rutland. She taught for many years in Serena Unit 2 District in Harding.

Lois was a member of St. Columba Church, La Salle County Genealogy Guild, Ottawa Women's Club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies' Auxiliary. Lois loved gardening, researching her family history, cooking, reading, her family, her church, children, dogs, Facebook, euchre, traveling and playing the slots.

She will be missed by many, including her daughter, Nancy, and her husband, Mike Barta; her son, Harold; her granddaughter, Lyndsey, and her husband, Mike McMillan; her grandson, Jaerod, and his wife, Sarah; and great-grandchildren, Nolan and Luke Barta and Truman and Lyla McMillan.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to S. Columba Church Restoration fund.

The online guest book may be viewed and remembrances shared at ottawafuneralhome.com