



Sybil Crooks

April 1, 1925 - May 4, 2010

Sybil D. Crooks of Arbor Vitae, WI, formerly of Palos Heights, died May 5, 2010. She was born in Buffalo, New York, the daughter of Palos Heights' pioneers Walter and Ivy Ward, who moved to Palos Heights in 1940. She married William A. (Bill) Crooks at the Community Center Foundation in Palos Park on October 25, 1951, in a service officiated by Sybil's father, Walter Ward.

She is survived by her husband Bill, two sons and daughters-in-law Brad and Jeannine Crooks of Parker, CO, and Bruce and Eileen Crooks of Momence, IL, daughter and son-in-law Kimberly and Rick Korinek of Arbor, Vitae, WI, granddaughter Heather Crooks of Kankakee, IL, grandsons Micah and Gabriel Korinek of Arbor Vitae, WI, two sisters and brothers-in-law, Claudia and Ray Buktenica of Palos Heights, IL and Pamela and Joe Pels of Green Bay, WI, brother and sister-in-law Randall and Cathy Ward of Garfield, WI, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother and sister-in-law Basil and Mary Ward of Crestwood, IL.

Sybil was co-owner with her husband Bill of Wm. A. Crooks Photography on Harlem Avenue in Palos Heights for over thirty years until their retirement in 1987. They photographed many major city events during that time, and were recipients of numerous photographic awards. Both Sybil and Bill served as Presidents of the Professional Photographers of Northern Illinois, in 1983 and

1976 respectively, after previously holding all of the Association's other offices.

Sybil was a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Woodruff-Minocqua, WI, where she served in many capacities including Treasurer and First Reader, She enjoyed reading and outdoor activities such as snorkeling, flying, horseback riding, camping, canoeing and downhill skiing, and spending time with her family, especially her grandkids.

Services are private, and a memorial service will be held.