



## Elizabeth Moore

March 12, 1919 - August 17, 2015

Elizabeth Boatman Moore died on 17 August 2015 at the age of 96 at home in Tuscola, Illinois. She was born to Nettie O. and John Boatman near England, Arkansas on March 12, 1919. The second of three children, she was delivered by the family doctor who arrived at their home via horse and buggy. After her older sister Mildred died, Elizabeth and her younger sister, Ruby, became inseparable. Elizabeth and Ruby attended school in England and then in Hamilton. During high school, they both were on the ladies' basketball team where Elizabeth played forward (at 5 ft 1 in tall). They graduated from Hamilton HS, then graduated from Russell HS, since it was accredited for college. Elizabeth's plans for college changed when she met Robert Percy (RP) Moore at Russell HS. They were married on Sept 2, 1939 in Carlisle, AR. Elizabeth and RP farmed and RP worked road construction until he joined the Navy in 1943. When he was sent to San Diego for training. Elizabeth followed. She worked for about four months at an aircraft defense factory before returning to Arkansas to await the birth of their daughter, Ruth Ann. After the Navy, because of RP's career they lived in Pryor, OK; Tulsa, OK; Brownsville, TX; and finally Tuscola, IL. Son John Michael was born when they lived in Tulsa, and died in a car accident in Brownsville. Elizabeth's hobbies including ceramics, which she taught in her home; oil painting (her landscapes are still admired by family and friends); and dancing weekly with RP. Her annual huge garden was envied by all of her neighbors. In addition, she was very involved with the Tuscola Methodist Church where she assisted in Rotary and attended

Bible study. She also enjoyed camping, fishing and traveling with RP until his death in 1982. She was very close to her grandsons who spent several weeks each summer with her during their formative years. During this time, they learned to play tennis and swim and attended Bible School in Tuscola. In more recent years, her face lit up with joy as she held each new great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her mother Nettie Boatman, father John Boatman, sisters Mildred Boatman and Ruby Boatman Roetzel, son John Michael Moore, and husband Robert Percy Moore. She is survived by her daughter, Ruth Klumb (Tom) of Mooresville NC, grandson Keith Klumb (Gina) of Dublin, CA, grandson Shane Klumb of Detroit, MI and five great grandchildren (Riley, Sydney, Nathan, Nicholas, and Samantha). She is also survived by 8 nieces and nephews, one of whom is Mattie Howerton--her caregiver and friend for the last two years of her life.

A visitation will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 21, 2015 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola, IL. Online condolences to the family may be shared via [hilligossshraderfh.com](http://hilligossshraderfh.com)

Visitation will be held Sunday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Powell Funeral Home in Bald Knob, Arkansas. Services will be conducted Monday, August 24, 2015, 10:00 a.m. at the Powell Funeral Home in Bald Knob. Interment will follow in the Carter Cemetery. Local arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home Bald Knob-Judsonia. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Tribute Wall



“ *I am honored that I was able to meet Elizabeth and I will hold a special place in my heart for her! Prayers for your family.* ”

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