

Nola "Jean" Gauger, age 77, formerly of South Beloit, Illinois died Thursday, November 22, 2012 at her daughter's home in Minneapolis, Minnesota after a courageous battle with lung cancer. She was born May 6, 1935 in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, the daughter of the late Vina (Couch) Carrington and Nolan Gorham. She was a 1953 graduate of Pawhuska Senior High School and a 1956 graduate of St. John's School of Nursing in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

She married the "love of her life", Lewis G. Gauger on December 29, 1956 in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. She worked as a labor and delivery nurse in the Chicago, Illinois area until her retirement in 1990. She and Lewis spent their retirement years traveling between Pearl Lake in South Beloit, Illinois and Tip-O-Texas in Pharr, Texas. She enjoyed many crafts especially knitting and was an avid reader until dementia robbed her of those pleasures.

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She is survived by her children, Jan Gauger of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Rick (Mirna) Gauger of Columbus, Ohio, Ed Gauger of Austin, Texas, and Kathy (Rich) Carlson of Rochelle, Illinois; grandchildren, Dawn Gauger and fiance Ron Jordan, Chris (Mayling) Gauger, Michael Gauger, Brianna Gauger, Heather (Craig) King, Brittany Carlson, Dan Carlson, and Abigail Carlson; great-grandson, Dylan Carlson; and her special four legged companion Rusty. She is also survived by sisters, Charlotte (Wilford) Milleson and Letty Bradley of Pawhuska, Oklahoma; brother, Richard (Theresa) Carrington of Anson, Texas; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by husband, Lewis Gauger; sister, Joanne Brazee; brother-in-law Donald Gauger; and sister-in-law, Eleanor Gauger.

Funeral service will be held at Gill Brothers Southwest Chapel, 5801 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN on Monday, November 26th, 2012 at 10 AM with visitation one hour prior to service. Interment will take place at Riverview Cemetery, Wabasha, MN. Memorials may be given in her name to Heartland Hospice in Rockford, IL or Roseville, MN.

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