



LaVaun A. Gillingham

October 29, 1923 - June 9, 2014

LaVaun Arlene (Garrett) Gillingham, 90, of Rosendale, passed away peacefully with family at her side, on Monday, June 9, 2014, at Ripon Medical Center. She was born on October 29, 1923, in Madison, a daughter of James Allen and Sabra Foreman Garrett. LaVaun graduated from Richland Center High School and received a degree from Madison Business College. On May 20, 1943, she married Ronald Clark Gillingham. LaVaun was an office assistant for Marpendale Farms for several years. She owned and operated Marpendale Dachshund Kennel in Rosendale until 1965. She went on to work for the bank in Rosendale (Rosendale State Bank, M&I, Waupun State Bank) from 1965 until her retirement in 1990. During her lifetime, she was a financial secretary, as well as serving in many other capacities, for the Rosendale United Church of Christ. LaVaun was an avid reader and an excellent cook. She enjoyed traveling, but her greatest joy was spending time with her family. LaVaun is survived by Ronald, her husband of 71 years, and their three children: James Clark (Mary) and David Ronald (Linda), both of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, and Bonna Sue (Dennis) Badtke of Rosendale; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Kathel, and a great-granddaughter, Hannah. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 2014, at Rosendale United Church of Christ, 204 West Division Street, Rosendale, with Rev. Wesley Wassell officiating. Burial will be in Rosendale Cemetery. A memorial gathering will be on Friday at church from 12:00 p.m. until the time of service. Memorials may

be directed to the Rosendale Volunteer Fire Department and Rosendale United Church of Christ.