



## Verla M. Brink

October 12, 1927 - September 8, 2018

Verla Maxine (nee Leib) Brink, formerly of Munster, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 8, 2018. She was born in Scott County, Illinois on October 12, 1927. She was preceded in death by her husband Merle (Gene), son Bruce, parents Justin and Viola, her brothers Joseph and William, and her sisters Grace, Fanita, Jean, and Janice. She is survived by her children, Justin (Patricia) Brink, Susan Boney, and JoEllen (Arthur) Raby. Her five grandchildren include Jennifer (Aaron) Ort, Julie (Ryan) Davies, Kevin (Lindsey) OBarske, Joseph (Holly) Boney, and Nicholas Boney. Verla was also very proud of her five great-grandchildren.

Verla was a graduate of Jacksonville High School, Jacksonville, Illinois, Class of 1944. She moved to the Chicago area after the war and married Gene, the love of her life. Verla and Gene were founding members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, formerly of Munster. Later in her life, Verla worked as a real estate agent for McColly Realtors. Besides actively volunteering at her church, Verla was an avid reader beginning her day with the newspaper in the morning and ending her day with a book at her bedside.

Services will be private. The family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association in lieu of flowers. Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point, entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)