



Clara Evelyn Beam

March 4, 1923 - March 23, 2012

Graveside services were 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 26, with Dr. Robert Baker officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery near Fair Grove, under the direction of Montgomery-Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo.

Clara Evelyn Beam, 89, was born March 4, 1923, in Wakeeney, Kan., the daughter of Homer and Bertha (LeFors) Terpening. She died peacefully in her sleep on March 23, 2012, at her home in Buffalo.

She was one of six children. She graduated high school and business school, then moved to Washington, D.C., to become a secretary for the war department during the war.

She met and married Arnold Beam in 1942.

They lived in many places during their lifetime. She wore many hats and had a wide range of careers, from being a pet shop owner in Tyler, Texas, owning a restaurant in Brighton, and managing an apartment building in Sacramento, Calif. After her husband died in 1978, she decided to move with her son and his family to Colorado and then moved to Buffalo five years later.

She had many interests, including painting, reading and crossword puzzles. She was a true artist, and through her eyes, saw everything in bright, brilliant color. She passed on her creative gifts to her granddaughters and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arnold; her brothers: Harvey Terpening and William "Buddy" Terpening; her sisters: Myrtis Hockersmith, Anna Benton and Lilly Hands; and her son, Dennis Arnold

Beam.

Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Judy Beam; her grandchildren: Dana and husband, Robert, Dawna and Kellie; and four great-grandchildren: McKenzie, Candace, Kendall and Kyle, whom she loved with all her heart. She was cherished and deeply loved and respected.

Tribute Wall



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