



Ruby Ellen Funk

July 27, 1919 - March 10, 2011

Ruby Ellen Funk, age 91, a long time resident of Hudson, NY, died Thursday, March 10, 2011 at home.

Born July 27, 1919 in Lutesville, MO, she was the daughter of Baptist Minister William Eaker and Anna Eaker. She had seven siblings and was a descendent of Suisse, German immigrants to North Carolina in the early 1700's.

Mrs. Funk was a member of the Linlithgo Reformed Church of Livingston, serving on numerous committees over the years. She was a member of the Church Consistory Board and taught Sunday School for 25 years.

Mrs. Funk was a homemaker, a loving wife, mother and devoted grandmother. She met her husband of 60 years, Benjamin A. Funk, Sr., when he was stationed in St. Louis, MO during World War II, and they were married on April 12, 1944. Upon his return from deployment to Okinawa, Mr. and Mrs. Funk were then stationed in Alaska before returning to Valatie, NY, where Mr. Funk was born and raised. He then began his business, Ben Funk, Inc., International Trucks, and they lived on Route 9 for over 50 years. She was predeceased by her husband, who was also 91 at the time of his death on Sept. 24, 2005.

Mrs. Funk was active in the Columbia Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and she and her husband were members of the Columbia Golf and Country Club, playing in golf leagues for many years.

She traveled with her husband to Hawaii, Spain, Puerto Rico, Cayman Islands, Bermuda, and extensively throughout the US.

Survivors include her daughter, Shirley Unger of Hudson, her son, Benjamin Funk, Jr., and his wife, Barbara, of Hudson, and four grandchildren, Eric Unger of Orlando, FL., Dr. Ben Funk, III of Hudson, Jamie Checket of Metuchen, NJ, and Kristin Dana of Brooklyn. Her remaining siblings are Bill Eaker, and his wife, Ruth, of Florida and Eula Newell of St. Louis, MO.

Visiting hours are 11 am - 1 pm Saturday at the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, 110 Green St., Hudson.

Services will be held at 1 pm at the funeral home.

Interment will follow in the Kinderhook Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Community Hospice of Columbia Greene, 47 Liberty St., Catskill, NY, 12414