



## Doris Backer

March 27, 1930 - June 14, 2010

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Benson- Doris Backer, 80, of Benson, IL passed away at 11:30 am on Monday, June 14, 2010 at Advocate BroMenn Healthcare in Normal, IL.

She was born on March 27, 1930 in Clayton Township, Woodford County, IL a daughter of Ihne and Johanna Bartels Gastmann. She married Burton R. Backer on September 7, 1952 at St. Peter Lutheran Church rural Benson. He passed away on February 16, 1991.

Her children include two sons, Stanley B. Backer; Glen A. Backer both of Benson; one daughter, Lori A. Backer of Peoria.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Bernard Gastman.

Doris grew up attending St. Paul Lutheran in Benson but later after marriage attended St. Peter Lutheran Church in rural Benson and was member of the ladies aid at church.

Doris was the daughter of German immigrants and learned as a child to speak Low German, the dialect of the region where her parents were from. While growing up, she went to school at a one room school house near her farm northeast of Benson. She later graduated from Benson high school in 1948. She worked for a time at Granert Co. in Minonk before marrying Burton and becoming a full time housewife raising their family on a small farm just west of Benson.

During those years she found time to garden and travel. She particularly enjoyed the time spent on car trips around the United States with her husband visiting Army buddies and friends.

Doris was devoted to raising her children but also took a special interest in her many nieces and nephews. She kept in touch with her cousins in Germany. She cherished the

many good times she had with friends and neighbors over the years. Doris lived a lifetime well spent and her family is thankful to all who spent it with her as we reluctantly see her released from our presence to the all embracing care of her Father in Heaven.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2010 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Benson. Rev. Frank Piper will officiate. Visitation will be held on Wednesday evening from 5-7 pm at Knapp-Johnson-Harris Funeral Home in Roanoke and one hour before the service at the church on Thursday. Burial will be in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter Lutheran Church or Apostolic Christian Home in Roanoke.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.knappjohnsonharris.com](http://www.knappjohnsonharris.com).