

Date of Birth
Jun 30, 1924



Date of Passing
Jan 11, 2016

Mida Blanche Downs

Mida Blanche Downs HALLSVILLE: Mida Blanche Downs "Blanche" (née Dresbach), 91, formerly of Hallsville, passed away at Brookdale in Columbus, OH on January 10, 2016. Blanche is survived by three daughters: Deborah Downs and her sons Trevor Downs-Razouk and Colin Downs-Razouk, living in CA; Connie Brantley and her children, Jennifer Sleeper and Justin Brantley and her five grandchildren, living in OH; and Toni Downs also in OH; she is also survived by two siblings, Celia Zeigler, of Hallsville, OH and Carl Dresbach, of Zanesville, OH; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Iva Mae and Walter Dresbach; her husband, John Downs; and her siblings, Ralph Dresbach, Genevieve Cramer, Louise Benson and Fred Dresbach. Blanche was born on June 29, 1924 on the family farm near Hallsville, OH as the sixth child in a family of seven. She graduated from the Dresbach grade school and Centralia HS in 1943. During WWII, Blanche worked at the National Fireworks. Near the end of the war she married her high school sweetheart, John Downs. Blanche was a stay-at-home mother which included

the usual housewife things but also carting kids to music and dance lessons; mowing an enormous lawn; planting, harvesting and preserving a large garden; teaching her children a wide range of sports; providing love and affection to the neighborhood stray animals; and just generally being a great mom. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, January 13 at 2:00 p.m. at the HILL FUNERAL HOME, Kingston with Pastor Greg Gardner officiating. Burial will follow in the Hallsville Cemetery. Friends may call at Hill's on Wednesday from 1pm until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the at 225 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60601-7633. The family would like to thank the Brookdale staff and Heartland Hospice (Megan) for their dedication and high level of care. Full obituary and condolences can be made on Blanche's online guest registry at www.hillfhkingston.com.

Memories of Mida

