

**McBride, Cecilia A.**

Cecilia Agnes McBride, 87, of Wildwood, Mo. and formerly of Bad Axe and Elkton, passed away on Christmas morning, Dec. 25, 2009 at the Bethesda Meadows Nursing Center in Ellisville, Mo. She was born Oct. 7, 1922 at the home of her parents, Paul and Eleanor Funk, in Batchtown, Ill., Cecilia was one of six children growing up on their family farm in southern Illinois.

She graduated from Brussels High School and then a few years later while working as a nanny in Hollywood, Fla., she met her husband, Robert James McBride of Elkton, who was in the Army Air Corp during World War II. They married in 1944 in Batchtown, Ill., and later moved to Elkton.

She worked for many years at Active Industries in Elkton and retired in 1972. After retirement she and her husband owned and operated two adult foster care homes for 32 years, one in Owendale and one in Bad Axe. Many of the people who stayed with them became members of the family.

She again retired in January 2006 to live with her daughter in Wildwood, Mo.

She is survived by four children, Julie (Lloyd) Schattyn of Wildwood, Mo., Theresa McBride of Ubly, Janine (Vance) McBride-Rahn of Anderson, S.C. and Mark McBride of Ubly; two grandsons, Thad and Tyler Rahn of Denver, Co.; two great-grandsons; one sister, Vera Tepen of Jerseyville, Ill.; and one brother, Ralph Funk of Batchtown, Ill.; two sisters-in-law, Margaret Taylor of Pigeon and Carolyn Kennedy of Bad Axe; one brother-in-law, Carroll McBride of Ubly; and special family members Arlene Bittner of Gagetown, Neva Mousseau of Bad Axe, and Jon Fischer of Port Austin; and several nieces and nephews.

Cecilia was preceded in death by her husband, Robert who died March 26, 2008; one brother, Paul Funk; and two sisters, Mildred Robinson and Lorraine Droege.

There will be a visitation on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010 at 10 a.m. followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m. at MacAlpine Funeral Home, 302 N. Hanselman Street, Bad Axe, MI.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Louis Alzheimer's Association, 9374 Olive Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132-3214.