



**Mary Margaret (Gaffigan) Christy** of 8 Caravan Lane, Springfield, Illinois, formerly of Metamora, died at 8:28 am at Regency Health Care in Springfield on October 1, 2015. She was born on December 29, 1923, to Daniel J. and Florence M. (Pratt) Gaffigan in Peoria, Illinois. She married Kenneth E. Christy on February 7, 1947, and he preceded her in death on September 24, 1996. She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Sally (Christy) Ellis of Rochester, on February 27, 1998, and her only sister, Catherine (Gaffigan) Roth, of Springfield, on May 27, 2000.

She is survived by one daughter, Dr. Susan Shea of Springfield, three sons, Greg Christy of Metamora, Rev. Doug Christy of Stowe, Vermont, and Tim Christy of Mendon, Nevada, eleven grandchildren, and thirteen great grandchildren, with another great granddaughter expected in December. She also has two nephews, David and Vincent Roth, of Springfield.

Mary retired in 1988 after twenty years as Registrar of Illinois Central College and served as the charter treasurer of the Community College Retiree Association. She was a member of Christian Union Church, the Philathea, the Guild, the Metamora Woman's Club, Woodford County Historical Association, and the American Legion Post 89 Auxiliary.

Mary enjoyed her twenty years at ICC, and one of her most prized possessions was the quilt made for her on the occasion of her retirement. An employee from each department constructed a square; then all the squares were sewn together to make the quilt. The quilt was proudly displayed on Sunday, October 4, at the Memorial Service celebrating her life held at the Real Life Church in Springfield. A graveside service was held on Oct. 7 at Oakwood Cemetery in Metamora. The family has requested that memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society or the Illinois Central College Educational Foundation.