

Phyllis W. Caskey, 88, of Bella Vista, Arkansas died Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at the Highlands Health Care, Bella Vista, Arkansas. She was born January 15, 1921 in Minden, Iowa to Ernest John Ploen and Minnie Matilda (Luchsinger) Ploen

She was raised and educated in Minden, Iowa, graduating in 1938. In 1943, she graduated from The Jennie Edmundson School of Nursing. She entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in December of 1943 and was honorably discharged in 1945. She married Harold A. "Cass" Caskey on August 30, 1944 in Minden, Iowa. They made their home in Storm Lake, Iowa where she began working as a nurse in the Buena Vista Hospital in 1958. They moved to Newell, Iowa where she worked as head nurse at The Good Samaritan Nursing Home. She retired from nursing and moved to Bella Vista, Arkansas in 1986. She was a charter member of The Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista. She loved to golf, tap dance, travel and was a member of The Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Harold, three brothers, Virgil, Al and Billy.

Phyllis W. Caskey is survived by three daughters; Sue Gutz and husband Mel of Storm Lake Iowa, Carol Bradford and husband Robert of Pineville, Missouri and Minda Vazquez and husband Julio of Bentonville, Arkansas; 12 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held on Friday, March 27, 2009 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at the Bella Vista Funeral Home & Crematory, 2258 Forest Hills Blvd., Bella Vista, Arkansas.

A Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista. Reverend Dennis Ritchie will officiate. Burial will follow in the Bella Vista Cemetery.