

## From the Schwarz Funeral Homes

### Orela Strohecker

(September 24, 1912 - November 7, 2015)  
Freeport, IL.

Orela Strohecker, 103 yrs. old, passed away Nov. 7, 2015 at Pearl Pavilion in Freeport. She was born the daughter of Glenn & Ethel (Hammond) Barklow on Sept. 24, 1912 in Loran Township. Orela married Berton C. Strohecker in Iowa on June 30, 1940. She worked in the Pearl City School District & retired from Honeywell. Orela was a member of the Bethany United Church of Christ, Order of the Eastern Star for over 50 years, a lifetime member of the Stephenson County Farm Bureau, American Legion Auxiliary of Pearl City. Her interests included Indian artifacts, metal detecting, sewing, & spending time with her family.

She is survived by 2 grandchildren: Steven J. Strohecker, Sandra (Anthony) Meyers, 2 step-grandchildren, 1 great-grandson: Nathan Meyers, 7 step-great-grandchildren, & 11 step great-great-grandchildren.

Orela is preceded in death by her husband, children: James L. Strohecker & June K. Strohecker, 4 brothers: Warren, Donald, Victor (Bud), Clinton Barklow, 2 sisters: Vivian Offenhiser & Doris Icenbice.



Service will be on Thurs. Nov. 12, 2015 at 1 pm at the Offenheiser-Schwarz Funeral Home in Pearl City with Rev. Ted Michalsen of Bethany United Church of Christ officiating. Friends may call after 11 am on Thursday at the Funeral Home until the time of Service. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery. A memorial has been established in her memory. Online condolences and memories can be shared with the family at [www.schwarzfh.com](http://www.schwarzfh.com).