



## Iona Simpson-Blei

February 10, 1925 - August 13, 2012

Iona R Simpson-Blei age 87 of Dixon died Monday August 13, 2012 at Franklin Grove Health Care Center. She was born February 10, 1925 in Dayton, IL the daughter of George and Concordia (Alexander) Wilson. She had worked at the Dixon State School for 10 years prior to her retirement. She had a passion for life and loved her family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, 3 sisters and 5 brothers. She is survived by 2 sons Ronald E. (Debby) Simpson of Dixon and Gary R. Simpson of Rock Falls; one daughter Susan E. Blackburn of Dixon; 7 grandchildren Chad (Jennifer) Simpson, Les (Danielle) Simpson, Stephanie (Pankaj) Miglani, Ryan Simpson, Billy Blackburn, Penny Blackburn, A.J. Simpson; 10 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held on Friday August 17, 2012 at 10:00 AM in the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon with the Rev. John Ewing officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be on Thursday from 6:00 until 8:00 PM in the funeral home. A memorial has been established to the American Heart Association.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Iona Simpson-Blei*

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October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Iona Simpson-Blei*

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December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *I will dearly miss Oiney, she was a fun and smart lady. I loved her so much, all she ever wanted was a hug. I visited her when she was in Van Matre and the smile on her face when I walked in was priceless. I sat and held her hand and we talked for a long time. She was such a strong willed woman. She ran a good race 87 years. She loved her little stuffed animals she gave me a little dog, I gave her a monkey that she called coco. She was a very sweet woman. I am glad I had the opportunity to know her.*

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**Sue Nelson** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was Iona's homemaker for almost a year. She treated me as a friend not a worker. We had sooo much fun together. We laughed all the time! Iona loved to go shopping and we went a lot! I remember she made me lunch one time and she set the table fancy with a tablecloth, beautiful dishes and silverware. I will miss her friendship and going to her apartment 3 days a week. It was a pleasure working with Iona.*

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**Jill Suter-Kent** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Even though we have never met, I wanted to express my sympathy for the death of your mother Iona who was my husband's mother's sister, Georgia. My husband Ken or sonny that everyone on that side of the family called him, has just passed away at the end of July. I met your mom a couple of times but I didn't know her very well. I just wanted you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Fran Woodard*

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**Fran Woodward** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Would like to get in touch. Have no addresses or phone #. So very sorry about Aunt Iona. Please call or write.

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**Robert Fowler** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM