

Katharine Benoit, 85

Feb. 10, 1918 - Aug. 27, 2003

MESA, AZ – Katharine “Kay” Georgie Malli was born in Decorah, Feb. 10, 1918, the daughter of James Emmet Malli, Sr. and Matilda Mary (Anderson) Malli.

Katharine married Merle Alfred Benoit Aug. 20, 1955, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Clinton. They were married for 35 years. Katharine was a seamstress at the former Clinton Garment Factory until her retirement in 1981. In May of 1982, Katharine and Merle retired to Mesa, AZ. She died Aug. 27, 2003, following a brief illness.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Merle, Sept. 22, 1990. She is survived by her son, Alan (Christine) of Gilbert, AZ; her eldest son, William James Arterberry, Sr.; and her grandson, William James Arterberry, Jr. (Billy) of Chandler, AZ; her sister, Irene Hlubek of Clinton; her brother and wife, Donald and Jean Malli of Chester, CT; nephews and their families.

A funeral Mass was held Sept. 3, 2003, at Prince of Peace Parish, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Clinton with Father Jeffrey Belger officiating. Burial was in the Clinton Lawn Cemetery. Nelson Heesch Funeral Home, Clinton, in charge of arrangements.