

BLANCHE (JEDLIČKA) STEMKE



Blanche Jedlička Stemke, born Blanca Marie Jedlička, passed away on August 7, 2024, at the age of 91. Blanche was born in Kácov, Czechoslovakia, now Czechia, the daughter of Anastasia and Joseph Jedlička; sister of James (Jimmy), Jenny, and Anne. Her family remained in Kácov until her family left as refugees for the US following the Nazi occupation on June 1, 1939. Blanche

attended college at the University of Illinois, Champaign Urbana, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Russian Language and Studies and met her future husband, Gerald Stemke, with whom she had two children, Douglas and Katherine. Blanche remained committed to her family, always looking out for the interests of her children and her granddaughter, Myra Stemke. Blanche is survived by her sisters Jenny Janitor and Anne Jedlička; son Douglas Stemke; daughter Katherine Stemke Hale; and granddaughter Myra Stemke. She will be deeply missed by one and all.

Friends received Saturday, August 24, 2024, 9:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 806 Perry Hwy, North Hills.

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