

Kathryn (Kay) Hitzeman

Kathryn (Kay) Hitzeman, 76, of Elgin, Ill., died Sunday, May 23, 1999, at Alderwood Care Center in South Elgin. She was born December 14, 1922 in Omaha, Il. She had worked at the Elgin Watch Factory. She was a member of the National Republican Party. She was also a member of the Washington Cemetery Association in McQueen Station, IL. She was a member of the Tucker Automobile Club Association, Kay had joined the club because her brother Bill was a member and a one time employee of the Tucker Corporation. She held "court" every day at the Candy Cane Restaurant in Elgin serving as the "Watch Dog" of the neighborhood. Kay had several letters to the editor published in the Courier News. She was a great radio talk show fan, and was very interested in local and National politics. She often fought "City Hall of Elgin", with her views. In 1960, she purchased a new Lincoln Premier for her late husband, Richard. He had dreamed of owning a Lincoln, going back to the time he was in a foxhole during his days in World War II. She still owned the Lincoln at the time of her death. Survivors include her brother, Wilmer W. "Bill" (Sue) Whipple of Kent WA; two nieces, Kristine (Alex) Yokley of Denver, CO, and Janice Whipple of Seattle WA. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Richard A. Hitzeman, whom she married in 1952 and preceded her in death in 1986; and a sister Maida Brown in 1972. Graveside services will be at 10:30 am Wednesday, May 26, 1999 at Washington Cemetery at McQueen Station with Rev. Thomas O'Connor of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Elgin, officiating. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 PM Tuesday, May 25, 1999 and Wednesday morning, May 26, 1999 and from 9 am to 10:15 am at the Wait Ross Allanson Elgin Funeral Chapel. Contributions to the Washington Cemetery Association in Kay's memory would be appreciated by her family.