

Evelyn R. "Casey" Patch, 78, passed away on Monday, January 2, 2012 at the Alden Meadow Park Nursing Home, Clinton, after a courageous battle with brain cancer.

She was born at home on April 8, 1933 in Hazel Dell, Illinois to Raymond and Ruth (Chapman) Cummins.

Casey graduated from Casey High School in 1951. She was joined in marriage to Charles A. Patch on April 11, 1959 at Evangelical United Brethren Church in Casey, Illinois. From November 1956 until April 1959 Casey played professional basketball for the Texas Cowgirls as the Center and as a Guard. She wore #8.

She bowled with the Rockton Pioneer League at its inception, other leagues, and numerous tournaments. She was a 50 year member of the Beloit Women's Bowling Assoc. She served as President, Vice President and as a Board Member of the Beloit Bowling Council. She was a 1984 Bowling Hall of Fame Inductee. She was a delegate to the National Tournaments for numerous years and attended the National Tournaments for 35 consecutive years. Mrs. Patch was employed by Amerock as a Quality Control Inspector. She retired in January of 1998 after 33 years. She was a member of the Eagles Club and of the Red Hat Society.

She is survived by her children; Mille (Tim) Jensen and Lynn (Joe) Zummo, her grandchildren; Brianna, Austin, JoJo, Zach, Samantha and Erin, nieces and nephews Carla Cummins, Bill Cummins, and Mike Cummins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother, Carl, and infant daughter, Michele.

The visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Funeral Service for Mrs. Evelyn R. "Casey" Patch will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at the Rosman, Uehling, Kinzer Funeral Home and Cremation Service. Rev. Tom Kingery will officiate. Burial will be at the Rockton Cemetery.