Catherine Mariani Pistoresi, 96, of Sports Club Lane, Boone, and recently of Appalachian Brian Estates, died Monday, January 21, 2013 at Glenbridge Health and Rehabilitation.

She was born February 5, 1916 in Spring Valley, Illinois to Antonio and Adele Foli Mariani. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her stepfather, Natale Pistoresi; brother, Theodore N. Ressi; and two infant brothers.

Catherine moved to Chicago, Illinois at the age of 12 where she worked as a seamstress until retirement at the age of 70. In 2006, she and her sister, Angelina Smith, moved to Boone to be closer to family. She was a member of St. Elizabeth of the Hill Country Catholic Church. Catherine loved children, dogs, sewing, gardening, and baking breads and desserts for her family. She liked nothing better than to be surrounded by her family with one dog sleeping on her lap and another sitting by her side.

Miss Pistoresi is survived by two sisters, Angeline Smith of the home, and Natalie Eifert of Park Ridge, Illinois; niece, Mary Anne Daly and husband, Joe, of Boone; nephews, Mark Eifert and wife Akimi, of Germany, Paul Eifert and wife, Trina, of Chicago, Illinois, and Michael Eifert and wife, Cindy, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; and great nieces and nephews, Justin, Christina and Nicholas Daly, all of Boone, Matthew Eifert of Chicago, and Emily and Julia Eifert of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Services and burial for Miss Catherine Pistoresi will be conducted at a later date at St. Joseph Cemetery in River Grove, Illinois.

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