

Mary Mae *Pearson* Scherer



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BIRTH 10 May 1913

Iroquois County, Illinois, USA

DEATH 5 Nov 2012 (aged 99)

Hoopeston, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA

BURIAL Floral Hill Cemetery

Lovejoy Township, Iroquois County, Illinois, USA

MEMORIAL ID 100308297

Mary M. Scherer, 99, of Hoopeston died at 3:30 p.m. Monday (Nov. 5, 2012) at Heritage Health Care of Hoopeston.

Born May 10, 1913, in rural Wellington, she was the daughter of Alfred and Emma (Fassnacht) Pearson. She married Paul Swartz on Dec. 28, 1936, in Chicago. He preceded her in death on April 17, 1957. She then married Joe Scherer in 1964 in Fowler, Ind.; he passed away in 1970.

Mary is survived by one son, Richard (Debbie) Swartz of rural Hoopeston; three stepchildren, Marna Cooley of Goodland, Ind., John Scherer of Wisconsin and David Scherer of southern Indiana; five grandchildren, Tim Thilmony, Ted (Dawn) Thilmony, Andy (Chantelle) Swartz, Abbie (Kevin) Manship and Joel (Jamie) Swartz; 13 great-grandchildren, Kayla and Cheyenne Thilmony, Tyler, Madison and Ryan Thilmony, Drew and Ryliegh Swartz, Mary, Emma, Zoie and Isabela Manship and Olivia and Mason Swartz; and two great-great-grandchildren, Bryson and Jaylynn Lithgow.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother (Albert), two sisters (Freeda and Nellie), one daughter (Paula Thilmony), one stepdaughter (Marsha Lafoon) and one great-grandson (Dakota Thilmony).

Mary attended grade school and high school in Wellington, graduating in 1931. When in eighth grade, she won the county spelling contest and was thrilled to come in seventh place at state. That was the first time she had ever ridden a train. In high school, she competed in debates, oratory and some of the class offices.

With a Lindley Scholarship, she entered Illinois State Normal University in

Normal, which was then one of the five teachers' colleges in Illinois, and began teaching in 1933. She taught for 30 years in the Wellington school district, retiring in 1974. Mary has seen 17 presidents during her lifetime, from Woodrow Wilson to Barack Obama.

Funeral services for Mary will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012 at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, 309 E. Washington St., Hoopeston. The Rev. Dustin Wells will officiate. Burial will be in the Floral Hill Cemetery at Hoopeston. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Gravesite Details

Daughter: Paula M. Swartz Thilmony 1938 - 1984, Memorial# 38769993

Family Members

Parents



Alfred Pearson
1868–1942



Emma *Fassnacht* Pearson
1878–1969

Spouses



Paul Swartz
1912–1957



Joseph Henry Scherer
1904–1970

Siblings



Alfrieda S. *Pearson* Anderson
1902–1985

Children



Paula Marie *Swartz* Thilmony
1938–1984

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