

# Dorothy J. Metz

May 20, 2015

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Dorothy J. Metz, 93, of rural Hoopeston and most recently Autumn Fields, Hoopeston, died at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at her granddaughter's home near Athens, Georgia. Mrs. Metz had planned to visit her Georgia and Texas families for a month before returning home. Born February 17, 1922, at Garrett, Illinois, she was the daughter of Charles Downs Syers and Ada Pearl (Lee) Syers. She married Maurice O. Metz on October 13, 1940 at Henderson, Kentucky. Mr. Metz preceded her in death on June 17, 2013. Surviving are one daughter; Sheryl J. (Larry) Bailey of Augusta, Georgia, one son; Randall (Karen) Metz of San Antonio, Texas, four grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and an eighth blessing arriving in November. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, and four sisters.

Mrs. Metz was graduated from Danville High School and Danville Junior College in Business and computer programming. While Maurice served in the United States Marine Corp. during World War II, Dorothy worked for the U.S. Navy Purchasing offices in Camp Pendleton, California and Chicago, Illinois. After the War, she continued working at the University of Illinois while Maurice was in school there. When they returned to the Hoopeston area, she began what she considered her most important roles as wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Dorothy was instrumental in planning and implementing the initial stages of the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital and served on its board until her death. She worked for the Joan of Arc canning company in the Human Resources office and retired from there after ten years of service. Her retirement was only a beginning to the next phase of her life as she worked tirelessly to bring a community center to the Hoopeston area.

That endeavor was both a labor of love and countless hours of travel and meetings to find a suitable building and fund its improvements. Under her guidance and during the course of 30 years, the Multi Agency has become what Dorothy envisioned those many years ago. She remained on that Board until her death. The Community Room of that facility bears her name. She has been a member of the Women Making A Difference organization since its inception.

Mr. and Mrs. Metz were active members of the Hoopeston United Methodist Church for 67 years.

Funeral services for Mrs. Metz will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at the Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 East Main St, in Hoopeston. Pastor Andy Maxwell and Steve Unger will officiate. Burial will be at Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston where her body will be laid to rest next to her husband's . Visitation will be from 6 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at the Blurton Funeral Home, 309 East Washington Street in Hoopeston. The family has suggested that any memorials be made to the Hoopeston United Methodist Church, the

Hoopeston Multi Agency, or to the Wounded Warrior's Project. . The family has entrusted the Blurton Funeral Home in Hoopeston to assist them in honoring Dorothy's life.

## Cemetery Details

Floral Hill Cemetery

Hoopeston, IL, 60942

## Visitation

MAY 26. 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM

Blurton Funeral Home-Hoopeston Chapel

309 E. Washington St.

Hoopeston, IL, US, 60942

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