

Dorothy (Milham) Dooley

July 11, 1912 – July 12, 2004

Dorothy (Milham) Dooley, age 92, of Monticello, died Monday, July 12, 2004 at the New Glarus Home following a brief battle with cancer. Dorothy was born July 11, 1912 in Hays, Kansas, the daughter of James and Lila Gaynel (Nickles) Milham. Dorothy attended schools in Montana, Colorado, Kansas, and graduated from Monticello High School in 1930.

Dorothy and Clark James Dooley were united in marriage on March 17, 1930 in Freeport, IL. The couple farmed in Mount Pleasant Township where Dorothy lived for 56 years before moving to Monticello. She also was employed at Oaktron Industries of Monroe for 23 years until retiring in 1977.

She was a member of Zwingli United Church of Christ of Monticello and the Ladies Aid Circle, The Caring Network, and the Monticello Area Historical Society.

Survivors include three children, a daughter, Peggy (Robert) Burleson of Sumter, S. C., and sons, Roger (Madeleine) Dooley of Monticello, and Joseph (Cynthia) Dooley of Wheat Ridge, CO.; a daughter-in-law, Mai Dooley of Philadelphia, PA.; twelve grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clark, on August 1, 1986; a son, Clark Dooley Jr. in 1994; a granddaughter, Beverly Ann Burleson; three brothers: James Jr., Albert, and Robert Milham; and a sister, Florence Milham in infancy.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 15, 2004, at 11:00 a.m., at Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, with Rev. Lawrence Balleine officiating. Burial will be held at a later date in Highland Cemetery, Monticello. Friends may call at the church on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. A memorial fund will be established in Dorothy's name for Zwingli United Church of Christ and the Monticello Historical Society.

