



Dorothy Marie Shepard

December 28, 1919 - July 4, 2020

Dorothy Marie Shepard, age 100 of Mattoon, IL passed away peacefully at 10:00 AM, July 4, 2020 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL, A graveside service in her honor will be held at 2:00 PM, Friday, July 10, 2020 at Resthaven Memorial Gardens, 1701 Dewitt Ave, Mattoon, IL; Reverend Todd Krost will officiate. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938, is in charge of services.

Dorothy was born in Zeigler, IL on December 28, 1919 to the late Charles Manning and Nellie Charlotte (Heiple) Smith. She married Donald B. Shepard in Branford, CT, March 4, 1946; he preceded her in death on July 1, 2006.

She is survived by three sons, Richard S. Shepard (Millie) of Mattoon, IL; Donald B. Shepard (Dianne) of Champaign, IL; Thomas R. Shepard of New York City, NY; four grandchildren; Neeley D. Shepard of Las Vegas, NV, Donald B. Shepard III (Natalie) Calhoun, LA, Erin C. Law (Eric) Houston, TX, Lindsay D. Avdulahad (Martin) of Rochester Hills, MI; six great-grandchildren with one on the way. She is also preceded in death by one sister, Margaret Smith.

Dorothy was an active member of First United Methodist Church, Mattoon, IL where she relished in gracing the congregation while singing in the choir.

Dorothy was a former secretary for Shepard's Plumbing and Heating in Mattoon, IL. On her 100th birthday celebration, the Mayor of Mattoon presented Dorothy with the Golden Key to the City of Mattoon in celebration of her life as a longtime resident of Mattoon, IL. Dorothy devoted her life to her

family. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She cherished every moment spent with family and friends, touching the lives of many.

Memorials in her honor may be made to First United Methodist Church, 1601 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Rest Haven Memorial Gardens

Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Marie Shepard*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Dorothy was one of my Sunday school "students" in the Champion Class, and she would relate the best stories about her family and offer appropriate comments about the lessons of the day. My mother, Catherine Phipps, and I admired her intellect and her gracious personality. I loved the way Dorothy always had the best outlook of everything around her. She was truly the kind of Christian that personifies what Jesus taught us. I can't recall her ever saying a negative comment about anyone, and when the inconveniences of aging started slowing her up, she continued to encourage those around her. How blessed you are to call her your mother and grandmother, and how blessed we at the church were to call her our friend.*

Linda Phipps Hance

Linda hANCE - July 08, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ *Hugs & Prayers to the Shepard family - especially to Don & Dianne. Don't know if you remember me or not but I used to take organ lessons from Don (YEARS ago!!). Sorry for your loss.....*

Patty Janes - July 07, 2020 at 10:06 PM

SM

“ My parents knew Dorothy and Don through church when my parents arrived to Mattoon in 1948. I still remember Dorothy, so tall and distinguished wearing her beautiful hats. She was one of the few people I knew who looked fantastic in a hat and wore them with such class. My Mom, Virginia Beasley, has many wonderful memories of Dorothy and Don and will miss her deeply.
Sue Beasley Meyer

Sue Meyer - July 07, 2020 at 05:45 PM

NM

“ What a beautiful lady!! I have so many childhood memories of "Mrs. Shepard". She had such a great laugh, I can still hear it when I think of her. She always welcomed me into her beautiful home, where I came to visit frequently as a girl, to visit Tom and Don. She was the best Mom to three active and talented boys. She was a great neighbor, role model, and a beautiful person.
My heart-felt condolences to Richard, Don, and Tom and their families. Enjoy the memories and your time together....I love you and will be praying for you.
Nina King Milliner

Nina King Milliner - July 07, 2020 at 12:20 PM

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“ What a beautiful life, well-lived! May special memories bring you comfort and peace. Peggy Smith Luy

Peggy Smith Luy - July 07, 2020 at 08:24 AM