

**Dorothy McKeighan, 102**

**Nov. 7, 1913 - Aug. 18, 2016**

**MOUNT VERNON, IL —**

Dorothy Elizabeth McKeighan was born Friday, November 7, 1913 in Westphalia, one of 13 children born to Martin and Anna (Greiner) Kaufmann.

Dorothy married Earl McKeighan at Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia on September 6, 1938.

Dorothy and Earl raised their family in Denison. She relocated to Mount Vernon in 2002 and resided, until recently, at GreenTree Assisted Living.

As a member of Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Denison, Dorothy was involved in the music ministry as an organist and served as President of the Altar Society. She was presented with the Catholic Marian Award for outstanding leadership in Girl Scouting and was an active volunteer in the Crawford County (Iowa) Hospital Auxiliary and the local chapter of the American Cancer Society. Never one to have idle hands, she also made layettes and rosaries for the missions. In her 90s, she was named a "Christmas Angel" and featured in the local paper for her work in knitting countless washcloths used in the care of local hospice patients.

Dorothy supported Earl's successful business ventures in Denison, owning a standard gas station and then owning and operating a car dealership. She was an accomplished seamstress, running a sewing business in her Denison home. While at GreenTree, she continued sewing for other residents. Her "profits" were always used to do something special for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She loved planning and tending flower and vegetable gardens with Earl and planting an orchard that included blackberries, raspberries, grapes, and nut and fruit trees. Grandchildren's visits to Denison included assisting Grandma and Grandpa in their orchard and gardens and filling feeders that welcomed feathered friends and hungry squirrels alike.

Most of all, Dorothy loved to listen and observe as family members socialized and told stories around a cup of coffee and her homemade pies and cakes. The secret to her longevity was the many cups of coffee she enjoyed daily, well into her second century. Denison is the hometown of Oscar winner Donna Reed, who starred in the Christmas classic, "It's a Wonderful Life." Dorothy enjoyed a wonderful 102 years of life in Iowa and Mount Vernon, IL surrounded by family and friends and people who cared about her, especially in recent years. Dorothy died at 6:32 a.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2016, at Lavender Ridge Dignified Memory Care in Mount Vernon, IL at the age of 102.

Earl preceded Dorothy in death on November 10, 2000. She was also preceded in death by her parents as well as all of her brothers and sisters, including the eight who survived to adulthood: brothers Pete, George, Joe, and Pat; sisters Cecelia, Emma, Mary, and Rose; infant son, John, and adult daughter, Melinda McKeighan Powers.

Dorothy is survived by three daughters: Dr. Ann M. Lee of Summerfield, FL; Mary K. Sanghvi and husband Ajit of Philadelphia, PA; and Teresa M. Clark and husband James of Mount Vernon, IL. Dorothy was blessed with eleven grandchildren: Kathleen Bain and husband Bruce of Novato, CA; David Compton and wife Melissa of Fishers, IN; Anne-Marie Turner and husband Mark of Ocala, FL; John Compton and wife Jennie of Sarasota, FL; Lance Powers of California; Nilam Sanghvi and husband Stephen Fogdall of Philadelphia, PA; Kristin Miller and husband Scott of Sycamore, IL; Brendan J. Clark and wife Caitlin of High Ridge, MO, and Colin Clark and special friend Jill Murphy of Saint Louis, MO, fourteen great-grandchildren: Caitlin Bain; Hannah and Austin Compton; Kayla and Zachary Oetjen; Jack Compton; Nathan, Lucas, and Joshua Miller; Keighan and Callum Clark; and Eva Teresa Clark, step great-grandchildren: Zach and Collin Hartman, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Celebration of Life Mass will be held at Saint Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mount Vernon, IL on Wednesday, August



24, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., with Father Joe Trapp officiating. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. to Mass Time in the Gathering Space of the church. Arrangements are being handled by Hughey Funeral Home in Mount Vernon, IL.

A Rosary and Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, August 26, 2016 at Huebner Funeral Home in Denison, Iowa. Burial will follow at Saint Rose of Lima Cemetery in Denison. Arrangements in Denison are through Huebner Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to SSM Hospice of Mount Vernon or to the Alzheimer's Association for research on dementia. Donations will be accepted at Saint Mary Immaculate Conception Church, Hughey Funeral Home (mail to P.O. Box 721, Mount Vernon, IL 62864) or Huebner Funeral Home (mail to 1437 Broadway, Denison, IA 51442) or you may call (712) 263-4158.

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