Doris Marie Sharer Bowers, 90

Doris Marie Sharer Bowers died Thursday, April 25, 2013, at the age of 90. She was considered a record-breaking survivor of COPD. With this disease as in all things, she fought the battle for many years with strength and determination.

Doris was born in Montezuma to Ben and Vida (Smith) Sharer on July 30, 1922 and had two siblings, Forrest and Marcene. She was married to Richard Vincent Bowers for 71 years and was a home-maker.

Friends and family remember Doris as an excellent listener and loyal confidant. Doris always thought she was put on this earth to help other people. Her door was always open.

She enjoyed reading, knitting, playing bridge, shoe shopping, driving cross country on back roads, Skunk River picnics, babysitting grandchildren across the United States, and watching barges travel the Mississippi River.

Doris is survived by her husband, Dick; children Anne Zamzow, Barb Enderson, Becky Smith (Len), Steve (Kathy), Jane Nesbitt (Jeff), Julie, and Ana Regina Nogueira; sister, Marcene Fisher; sister-in-law Nancy Lowe (Duane); 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m., Saturday, May 4th at the Montezuma Methodist Church. Doris did not want flowers. Contributions can be made to Doris' memorial fund (Montezuma Fire Department).