

Dorothy J. Blydenburgh, 78

Dorothy J. Blydenburgh, 78, of Gladstone, Mo., passed away on May 11, 2009, at White Oak Manor.

Dorothy was born on March 27, 1931, in Oskaloosa, to Harry and Elsie (Blanchard) Mathes. Dorothy graduated from Simpson College with a Masters of Education, Dorothy taught at Park Hill High School until her retirement in 1994. She was a member of North Cross United Methodist Church. Dorothy enjoyed playing bunko, and loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; her ex-husband, Nathan C. Jr.; her brother, Wally Mathes; and her sister, Ruth Lucas.

Survivors include three sons, Nathan C. III, Kevin L. (Stephanie), and Dorian J.; a brother, Wilbur Mathes; four sisters, Mary Margaret Feusner, Barbara Anderson, Freda Slawson, and Joy Schwartz; nine grandchildren, Rachael, Jamey, Kyle, Korbin, Ashley, Dawn, Ryan, Stephanie, and Joni; and three great-grandchildren, Adelai, Thomas, and Charlotte.

Services were held at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 15, at White Chapel Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association. Burial was at White Chapel Memorial Garden. White Chapel Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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