

Dorothy Mae Ross



Dorothy Mae Ross, 96, passed away peacefully in her home on September 11, 2019. She was born in Terre Haute, Indiana on February 25, 1923. She is predeceased by parents Ema (Anderson) Ross and Clyde Ross of Terre Haute, brother Manford Ross of Terre Haute, sister Geneva Ross of Terre Haute and brother Virgil Ross of El Cajon, California. She was married to Dean Meadows, in 1953, and daughter Deanna was born from this union.

Dorothy is survived by her brother Norman Ross; sister-in-law Virginia Ross; daughter Deanna (Meadows) Reed; grandson Bryan Reed; nephews Rod Ross and Rick Ross; nieces Angela Ross and Gina Ross; great-granddaughter Jordynn Reed; and many other relatives and dear friends.

She graduated from Glenn High School and Indiana Business College. Dorothy enjoyed her life in New York, Chicago before moving back to Terre Haute. She retired from First Financial Bank after a long career.

Dorothy loved gardening, history, and her community. She devoted many years of active service at the Lost Creek Grove, Lost Creek Missionary Baptist Church and Stewart Lawn Cemetery. She was well known as a local historian with decades of research on the Lost Creek Settlement. She delighted in sharing genealogy and historic family memorabilia. She cherished living on her historic farm that has been in her family for 188 years. In 2017, she was honored with the Vigo County Historical Society, History Maker Award. In addition, she was selected by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission as a torchbearer as part of the Bicentennial Torch Relay representing Vigo County.

Dorothy will be remembered as a Godly woman who was a living example of grace, kindness and resilience.

The family is grateful for the outpouring of sympathy and support.

Services will be held at Lost Creek Missionary Baptist Church, 4440 North Creal Street, Terre Haute, Indiana 47805, on Monday, September 16, 2019. Visitation will be at 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the church on Monday. The funeral will begin at 1 p.m. Burial will follow in Stewart Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family request donation be made to the Lost Creek Community Grove, P.O. Box 3507, Terre Haute, IN 47803. The family has entrusted Greiner Funeral Home, with care and arrangements.