



Dorothy Miles

June 15, 2012

Dorothy L. Miles of Cape Girardeau died Friday, June 15, 2012 at her home. She was born March 30, 1912, at Farmington, Missouri, daughter of J. B. Laws, Sr. and Alice Mae Griffin Laws. On August 29, 1943, she was married to Paul C. Miles in Farmington, Missouri. He passed away January 21, 2005. Her parents, two brothers, J. B. Laws, Jr. and Leeman L. Laws and a sister, Clarabelle Dicus, predeceased her. Survivors include one sister, Leanna Patterson of St. Louis. Also surviving are two nieces, Alice Mae Settle (Keith) of Zionsville, Indiana, and Janet Patterson of St. Louis and two nephews, Harry L. Jennings (Elma) of Farmington and Terry Lee Laws (Lynn) of Edgewater, Maryland. Several great nieces, great nephews, a great-great niece and a great-great nephew remain as well as members of the J. D. Stewart family and a special friend, Marion Miles Edwards. She graduated from Farmington High School and Southeast Missouri Teachers College after which she taught Math and English at Desloge High School for fourteen years. During the war, she received her private pilot's license and subsequently taught navigation, meteorology and civil air regulations at the local airport. These were required of students learning to fly. She was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church since 1946 and of the United Methodist Women and the Susannah Wesley Circle. Other affiliations were: member of the President's Council of SEMO Alumni Association and of the Copper Dome Society. She was a charter member of the Friends of St. Francis Hospital and a member of both St. Francis and Southeast Hospital Auxiliaries.

In addition, she was a member of the Historical Society, a 50 plus year member of Chapter BI of PEO and of Quest Club of MFWC. She was the only active charter member of Beta Sigma Phi organized in Cape Girardeau in 1951. She had served as president of each organization. In addition to her family and friends, she enjoyed traveling, bridge, sewing and sports. She and her husband were members of the Traveler's Century Club since 1979 and had traveled extensively throughout the world. With slides that her husband had made, she gave slide programs to churches, schools, clubs and to the public. Friends may call at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The service will be Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 10:00 AM at Centenary United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jeff Long officiating. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Centenary Methodist Church, Old St. Vincent Church, or Teen Challenge. Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Her kindness and beauty will be missed*

Gene(Mem) and Carolyn McCalister - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *What a strong, smart and beautiful person she was. Always a smile and kind word...yet she was certainly nobody's fool! She will be truly missed.*

Dana Kaiser - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM