

Dorothy Jackson Taylor, 103,

Beloved mother, grandmother, friend, and school teacher, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the early morning of January 21, 2010. Family members gathered around her at bedside in her home during the peaceful passing. Dorothy was born in her family home in Northeast Kansas City, Missouri, on December 17, 1906. She was the younger daughter of William and Maude Jackson. Her father served the Milwaukee Railroad for 59 years. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Delmar Taylor, sister, Gertrude Shoop, and daughter, Nancy Cook.

Dorothy lived an amazing life. Her encouraging, joyful spirit was an inspiration to all. Upon graduation from Northeast High School in 1924, she attended college in Kansas City to pursue elementary teaching. A widow and single mother since 1931, her unwavering faith in God helped her accomplish the completion of her teaching credentials at night school over a number of years. Mrs. Taylor taught school in the Kansas City District for 41 years, most of which were spent at Henry Clay School, one block from her birthplace. She loved her students, and they loved her. Up until the time of her passing, many of her former students still have kept in touch with her.

After Dorothy's retirement from teaching around 1971, she devoted countless hours of time and generous contributions to Christian ministries and charities. In the 1970's, she served as President of the Women's Ministry of Englewood Assembly of God Church. She also made several trips to assist the American Indian Mission in Arizona, and helped to gather clothing and supplies for numerous other ministries. Her life was lived in service to God, family, and others. Giving was a passion for Dorothy.

Dorothy loved to travel, and enjoyed trips to see friends in other states, as well as several trips overseas. The highlight of her travels was to visit Israel and the holy land, just after her retirement.

Her sister, Gertrude Shoop was 15 years older than Dorothy. The last 20 years of Gertrude's life was spent living with Dorothy in their childhood home. Dorothy cared for her sister until she was 99 and she died at 100 ½ years old in 1992.

Since 1997, she has lived with the Cook family, in a unique and wonderful arrangement, which brought four generations together in one home. She is survived by her son in law, William (Bill) Cook, grandson, William Delmar (Del) Cook, his wife, Julie Cook, and great-grandchildren, Robin and Timothy Cook, which were the source of immense delight to her.

After living a remarkable life, which included adversity and much blessing, she is now in her heavenly home.

Memorial Service times are: Visitation 10-11AM, Saturday, Jan. 23, with service at 11 AM, at Mount Moriah & Freeman; 105th & Holmes Road south of Hwy. 435.
In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Lee's Summit Community Christian School, 1450 SW Jefferson Lee's Summit, MO 64081 to honor her love of teaching.