

## **Dorothy McMahon, 91**

*Feb. 9, 1916 - May 6, 2007*

**MANILLA** - Dorothy Grace, daughter of Thomas B. and Stella (McGee) Darling, was born Feb. 9, 1916, on the family farm in Douglas Township, Shelby County. She attended Irwin Public Schools and graduated valedictorian of the Class of 1933. She attended Iowa State College in Ames for a short time before returning home to help care for her father who was dying of cancer.

Dec. 8, 1940, Dorothy married Harry Raymond "Hi" McMahon in Atlantic. They lived in Orient where they operated a feed and seed store. When Hi was drafted into the United States Army in 1944, Dorothy moved with her husband to Wyoming where she ran the turntable for the Union Pacific Railroad. When he was shipped out to Italy, Dorothy returned to Iowa and ended up living with her brother-in-law and his wife, Bud and Elsie McMahon, in Manning. Their first child Tom was born while Hi was overseas. Shortly thereafter, Dorothy and the baby joined Hi in Falls Church, VA, while he worked at the Pentagon. After that they traveled with him as he worked for National Tank Company. In the summer of 1950 the family moved to Manilla so Tom could start kindergarten. Their second son Lynn arrived in 1953. Dorothy stayed at home for a time before starting to work part-time in the lunch program for the Manilla schools. In 1961 she started full time and then from 1968 to 1974 she was head cook. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Manilla. After the death of her husband in 1996, she was able to remain in their home in Manilla until July of 2005 when she became a resident of the Manilla Manor. Her health had been declining for a number of years and she died May 6, 2007, at Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison at age 91 years, 2 months and 27 days.

Preceding Dorothy in death are her parents; husband; an infant son; and brother Wayne Darling. She is survived by two sons Tom McMahon of Galesburg, IL and Lynn McMahon (Paulette) of Rochester, MN; two grandsons Steven McMahon and Michael McMahon; sister Edith McKinney of the Manilla Manor; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Graveside services were held May 8, 2007 at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin with Rev. Keith Pals from the Irwin United Methodist Church officiating. Casket bearers were Steven McMahon, Michael McMahon, Ross Darling, Brock Darling, Sherry Dugan and Kim Terlisner. Ohde Funeral Home in Manilla in charge of arrangements.