



Mildred Catron Dickison

April 22, 1916 - June 15, 2015

Mildred Catron Dickison, 99, of Falmouth, passed away on Monday, June 15, 2015, at the River Valley Nursing Home in Butler. Born in Dryden, Virginia, she was a daughter of the late William Thomas and Perdie Pennington Catron . A 1939 graduate of Berea College with a degree in nursing, Mildred cherished her four years there filled with rigorous studies, a busy schedule, and supportive teachers and mentors. As part of her instruction, she completed a year of work at the old Cincinnati City Hospital and an internship in Richmond, Kentucky at the Madison County Health Department, after which she was employed by the Pulaski County Board of Health as a public nurse, where her efforts were focused on their 150 public schools. It was there that she met Jack Dickison on a blind date, and on January 1, 1942, they were married. After 51 years of marriage, which included decades of public service by both of them, Jack preceded her in death on May 11, 1993.

Nurse Dickison played a major role in the creation of the Pendleton County Health Department in 1950. She was the only nurse with the department for the first 13 years, and she worked closely with the county's first health officer, Dr. Virginia Kratz (Senator Katie Kratz Stine's mother). She coordinated the county's Salk Vaccination Program, which controlled and eventually eradicated polio, implemented the school health program, giving shots to every student in the county, provided antibiotic therapy to homebound tuberculosis patients, and provided transportation to those children requiring

visits to eye clinics and handicapped services in Covington, Kentucky. Mildred had a sharp mind, a quick wit, and unwavering principles. She was a member of the Blanket Creek Baptist Church, and she attended the Richland Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Paul E. Dickison on December 18, 2006; her son-in-law, Dr. Dan Storer on September 21, 2004; her two brothers, George Ellis Catron and William Thomas Catron; and her three sisters: Beatrice Williams, Helen Angelo, and Hazel Jones.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Dickison of Falmouth; one sister, Ella Mae Catron of Duffield, VA; and a host of extended family and friends.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 19, 2015, at Woodhead Funeral Home, Falmouth, with Bro. Richard Kendall and Bro. Joe Hall officiating. The visitation will be from 5-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2015, at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the Hospice of Hope, the Salvation Army, the Richland Baptist Church or the Blanket Creek Baptist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Woodhead Funeral Home
310 W. Shelby St.
Falmouth, KY

Funeral

JUN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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