

DOROTHY H. KNIPE

Oct. 9, 1924 - Jan. 23, 2005

Dorothy Jean Hunt Knipe, 80, 4035 W. 00 NS, Kokomo, died 12:05 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005, at Waterford Place Health Campus. She was born Oct. 9, 1924, in Kokomo, a daughter of Ernest M. and Julia (Sumption) Hunt. On June 15, 1947, she married her high school sweetheart, Willis Hickam Knipe, upon his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. They then embarked on a 20-year career in the military.

She was a 1942 graduate of Kokomo High School. She earned her associate's degree from Christian College, Columbia, Mo., in 1944 and her BS in 1946 from Indiana University, Bloomington. She was employed at First National Bank for 10 years, retiring in 1980.

Dorothy was proud of her role as an Army wife. She and Willis moved 21 times in 20 years, including Camp Hakata, Kyushu, Japan, and the American Embassy in Moscow, Russia, from 1959-1960 where Colonel Knipe served as an Assistant Army Attaché. Upon Lt. Col. Knipe's retirement, they returned to Kokomo to live.

She was a third generation member of Grace United Methodist Church, singing in the choir for many years. She was a member of the Madrigal Singers, performing with that group for 20 years during the Christmas season. She served on the Church Board of Directors as treasurer at one time. For four years, she and her husband were co-chairmen of Added Grace, a church organization for retirees.

She carried her love of Girl Scouting into adult leadership. She served as a Girl Scout Leader and Camp Director as well as serving on the Board of Directors in both the Rio Grande Council in El Paso, Texas and the Tribal Trails Council in Indiana.

She was past president of the Morning Musicale and of PEO Chapter C and also served as co-chairman of the PEO State Convention.

She is survived by her husband, Lt. Col. U.S. Army Ret. Willis H. Knipe; two daughters, Kathryn Duncan and husband Kellan of Fort Collins, Colo., Julia Mills and husband Donald of Kokomo; three grandchildren, Benjamin Brandes of Cheyenne, Wyo., Ellen Stuart and husband Michael of San Ramon, Calif., Virginia Mills of Kokomo; three step-grandchildren, Nycol Nunn and husband Scott of Dallas, Texas, Jake Duncan of Phoenix, Ariz., D.J. Mills and wife Debra of Budd Lake, N. J.; two step great-grandchildren, Corbin and Collin Mills; and one sister, Lenore Hunt Myers of Kokomo. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Grace United Methodist Church, 219 W. Mulberry St., with Pastors Grace Marie and Rob Ransom officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call at Fenn & Shirley Mortuary, Colonial Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Rd. from 3 until 6 p.m. on Friday, and one hour preceding the service at the church on Saturday. Memorial contributions may be made in Dorothy's name to Grace United Methodist Church or to The Rivendell School of Northern Colorado, 1800 East Prospect Road; Ft. Collins, CO 80525, with envelopes available at the mortuary.

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