

# Dorothy Swafford

August 16, 1922 - December 10, 2009

Dorothy Helen Summers Swafford passed away on December 10, 2009 at the age of 87.

Born on August 16, 1922, in Bernie, MO,

she was a daughter to the late David & Lottie (Machen) Summers.

She was married to Jesse R. Swafford, who preceded her in death.

She was also preceded in death by five siblings, Bobby Summers, Phyllis Tuggle, Harold Summers, Donald Summers & Jerry Summers.

She is survived by one son, Norman Swafford & his wife, Debbie, of Bernie, MO, one granddaughter, Noelle Swafford Buttry & her husband, Charles, of Little Rock, AR & three great-grandchildren, Ryder, Wyatt & Brooks Buttry, also of Little Rock.

She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews & friends who loved her dearly.

Dorothy was quite the character & was well-known throughout the local area for being Dr. Floyd O. Kelley's nurse for 33 years.

Together with Dr. Kelley, she helped deliver over 800 babies, the last of which was Lori Annette Murphy Friese, now of Jackson, MO.

Her claim to fame in her professional life was her calm, compassionate bedside manner & her ability to give nearly painless shots.

After Dr. Kelley's death, she worked eleven years for Dr. Robert Jibben at his clinic.

She was incredibly generous to those in need, refused to see "color" in the world & fought tirelessly for any cause she believed in.

Her family spent many a holiday waiting to eat until the inmates in the local jail got their share first. Her main joys in life were her son, granddaughter and great-grandchildren, whom she



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delighted in & considered absolute perfection.

They will remember her as making the best spaghetti & meatballs in the world.

Feisty, outspoken & slightly short on tact, there are few people who encountered her in life that she didn't leave with a memory.

She will be sorely missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made, in her honor, to The Salvation Army, an organization that she believed in with all of her heart.

A graveside memorial service will be conducted Monday, December 14, 2009 at 1:30 P.M. in the Bernie Cemetery.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is handling all arrangements.