



Dorothy Griffin

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Dorothy Inez (Long) Griffin, 95, died at 4:40 a.m. Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at Rosewood Care Center in Alton.

Born Dec. 1, 1915 near Belleview, Ill., she was a daughter of Charles W. and Anna A. (Wineland) Long.

She graduated from Pleasant Hill High School in 1933. She married Russell Galloway of Pleasant Hill in 1933. Three children were born to this marriage, and the family lived in Cheyenne, WY and Denver, CO for about 8 years.

She married Ralph E. Griffin in Oklahoma on Oct. 5, 1954. While he served in the Air Force, they lived in Arizona and Idaho. When he retired they lived in San Francisco, then Marysville, Calif. For 41 years.

Her career has been a restaurant owner, secretary, cannery worker, and for 30 years an artist, painting oil landscapes, the California redwoods, then beautiful hand-painted china dishes for 20 years. She traveled extensively to all 50 states and two trips to Europe, visiting about 20 countries.

Surviving are her three children, Isabel (John) Sidwell of Alton, Thelma (Gordon) Crader of Thornville, Ohio, and James R. Galloway of Arizona; six grandchildren, Dennis (Mary) and Randy (Robin) Sidwell, Julie (Brock) Cato, Lee (Melody) Crader, Mitzi (Chuck) Shafer, and Christine (Rich) Hoffer; six great grandchildren, Jay, Andy, Rob, Travis and Kara Sidwell, Ben Gold, Mackenzie and Zacary Cato, Jessica and Brian Crader, Charles Lee Shafer, and Noah and Nate Hoffer; four great-great grandchildren, Emily, Ali, and Lexie Sidwell and Autumn Shafer; and a sister, Carol Tavernier.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; seven brothers; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Harold Tavernier.

Visitation will be Saturday, Aug. 20 at Paynic Home for Funerals in Rosewood Heights from 1 p.m. until services begin at 2 p.m.

Burial will be at a later date at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Online condolences at www.paynicfh.com