

# Virginia Blackorby

**Dow | Tuesday, July 29 2014**

Virginia Hope Blackorby, 88, died at 3:34 a.m., Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at Alton Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born in Rosedale on Feb. 1, 1926, and was one of five children born to the late Frederick & Dora Adele (Henry) Hoyt. Hope retired in 1985 from Principia College in Elsah, where she had been employed as a cook/cashier/ and manager of the Soda Fountain Shoppe for 23 years. She was a longtime member of the Dow Southern Baptist Church and was active with the QEM Firemans Auxillary. She married Louis Blackorby on April 23, 1941 in St. Charles and together they were blessed with eight children and many many grandchildren during their 69 years together, and it was that large and loving family that sustained her when Louis passed away on Oct. 13, 2010. Surviving are her children & their spouses, Louis & Pam Blackorby of Franklin, Betty & Leroy Wilderman of Brighton, Mary & Duane Dittrick of Salisbury, Mo., Nancy & Mike Zipprich of Elsah, Robert & Mary Blackorby of Knoxville, Tn., Dennis & Mick Blackorby of Jerseyville, Cathy & Matt Williams of Alton, and Brian & Jennifer Blackorby of Jerseyville; 26 Grandchildren; 42 Great Grandchildren; four great great grandchildren; and a brother & sister in law, Norman & Ruth Ann Hoyt of Dow. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter in law, Deborah Blackorby; an infant granddaughter, Jenna Blackorby; a sister, Ione Czaia; and two brothers, Frederick Hoyt and Milton Hoyt. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Friday at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville. Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m., Saturday at the Dow Southern Baptist Church in Dow, Il, with the Rev. David Brown officiating. She will be laid to rest alongside her husband at the Indian Creek Cemetery in Hamburg. Memorials may be given to the Dow Southern Baptist Church or to the QEM Firemans Auxillary.



