## **Obituaries**

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## Dorothy Helen Newman Boggess

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Dorothy Helen Newman Boggess

**Dorothy Helen Newman Boggess** was born on May 12, 1929, in Seymour, Missouri, to Ralph and Dora Newman. Dorothy passed away at Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter, Missouri, on April 27, 2015. Dorothy was eighty-five years old when she went home to be with Jesus.

Dorothy lived in Seymour for seventy-six years where she worked as a veterinarian assistant for twenty-two of her adult years. After losing her husband of fifty-three years, John Boggess, Dorothy made the move to Dexter, Missouri to be closer to her son, Dennis, and family. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Dexter after serving as a member and song leader for many years at Liberty Freewill Baptist in Seymour. After her move, it was her greatest joy to be a member of the Mary Magdalene Sunday School Class to serve there wherever she was needed.

Dorothy was a Christian woman. She loved serving her Lord by praying for others, cooking for church dinners, helping with children's' church plays, leading the song service of numerous church outings, and being a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Dorothy loved the Seymour community and worked to help plan class reunions for the annual Seymour alumni Banquet. She had a fierce love for her classmates and loved getting together with all those that visited her home and the banquet. She also loved to travel and her kids teased her that her middle name should have been "Go!" Wherever she traveled, she could strike up a conversation and make you feel like you were special. A hug and a smile were just as important to her as anything material. She used her life to witness for the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Walton Boggess. Dorothy was also preceded in death by her only brother, JC Newman, his wife, Mildred, and their daughter, Barbara Caldwell; her sister, Virginia Marler, and her husband, Fred; and her sister-in-law, Virginia Lower.

Dorothy is survived by one son and the joy of her life, Dennis Alan Boggess, and his wife, Cheryl; grandson, Christopher Boggess and wife, Meg, and their two children, Adele and Elijah; grandson, Joshua Boggess and wife, Meredith, and their two children, Elise and Benjamin. Dorothy is also survived by two brothers-in-law, Phillip Boggess and wife, Lavonne, and Kenneth Boggess and wife, Barbara; and several beloved nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Memorials made in honor of Dorothy Boggess are suggested to: Ben Kruse 18 Fore Life Foundation, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, MO 63841; First Baptist Church Disciple Now Project, 11 West Castor, Dexter, MO 63841; or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Intl., 26 Broadway, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10004.

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