



Dorothy Marie Hill

August 10, 1923 - August 6, 2021

Dorothy M Hill, 97, of Dixon died peacefully on August 6, 2021 at home on her farm where she lived for 75 years.

Dorothy was born on August 10, 1923 in Dixon, the daughter of William H. Mayes and Georgia (Pruitt) Mayes.

Dorothy attended Dixon High School until ninth grade when her mother died in childbirth. Dorothy decided to stay home to help raise her six younger siblings. This began a lifelong commitment to caring for others. Her home was always a refuge for family, friends, children, and those in need of a helping hand and open heart. She never went back to formal school but she educated herself through reading. She was a voracious reader of books, magazines and newspapers.

During world war II she managed the produce department at the National Tea Store in Dixon. She married Lester A Hill Jr. on Sept 27, 1946. They began a life of farming and were great partners for 68 years. Dorothy also worked at Klines Department Store from the 1960s until the store closed. In the 1980s she worked at Borg Warner for 5 years and really enjoyed working the night shift.

Survivors include one sister, Phyllis Anderson of Paxton, Illinois and Brother-in-law, Kenneth Hill of Dixon; Sons Steven (Tamara) Hill and Bruce (Cathe) Hill of Dixon and Daughter Sandra (Ralph) Loescher of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Grand children: Erin (David) Wilson and great grandson, Cameron; Emily (Chris) Lomheim and Daphne (PJ) Perry and great grand

daughters Beatrix and Juniper of Chicago and Evan (Megan) Hill of Madison, Wisconsin. There are many loving nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by husband, Lester A Hill; Sisters: Anna (Lucille) Grove, Virginia Suitts, Margaret Rau, Lois Reigle, Shirley Fane, Georgia Ryan and Brothers: William (Bill) Mayes, David Mayes and George Mayes.

A celebration of her long and wonderful life will take place on her farm on August 28th at four o'clock.

Her family asks that you honor her life by being generous to those in need, being kind to strangers and encouraging children to read.

If desired, memorials may be given to Serenity Hospice, Oregon, Illinois. The staff was very kind and helpful in fulfilling her final wish to die at home.

Thank you to all the farm neighbors who provide lifelong friendship and support to the farm community, no matter what the weather.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

AUG **28**. 4:00 PM (CT)

Dorothy and Lester Hill Farm
1168 Rt 38
Dixon, IL 61021

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Marie Hill*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Dorothy Marie Hill*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Dorothy & Lester Hill's family. I am sorry I could not make it to Dorothy's Memorial service. I remember them being so welcoming at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Rockford and I always enjoyed my interactions with them. They had such a twinkle in their eyes & something good to say! I feel blessed to have known them & know they are spreading joy always! - Shiraz Tata*

Shiraz Tata - September 08, 2021 at 01:27 PM

CD

“ Mr. & Mrs. Hill were two amazing people who love helping & being involved in children's life's. I had the honors of meeting and visiting their farm with Aunt Zee(Ashford educator) & her daughter Candy. We picked eggs in the cute chicken house, feed goats, played in the hay rack in barn and always enjoyed a great homemade snack! In later years my own daughter's had the honor to hit softballs in Mr. Hill's homemade batting cage. I will never forget their "body guard dog" LOL

I feel totally Bless to have met them they were two amazing God fearing Christians who loved people & had a heart of gold. Always very Kind & greeted you with a loving "Smile"

In my thoughts & Prayers

Fondly,

Cece Duncan

cece duncan - August 13, 2021 at 03:56 PM

CM

“ Dorothy was a generous, compassionate, loving, wise soul. She and Lester had a strong ministry to the young people of The Unitarian Universalist Church, inviting them to the farm for special activities and sleepovers; they hosted my own kids many times. She will be deeply missed. My sympathy to all her surviving family.

Colleen McDonald

Colleen McDonald - August 10, 2021 at 05:08 PM

JJ

“ I remember going to the Hill Farm when I was young and getting to help feed a baby cow or goat! I always remember her being such a happy person, always smiling! I went to school with Steve! Owen and are so very sorry for your loss!

Joy Jones - August 10, 2021 at 04:49 PM

CB

“ *She will be greatly missed. Touched so many lives. Raised my mom when she was newborn. My deepest sympathies to her family*

Cindy Beeman - August 10, 2021 at 08:27 AM