



Florence K. Dodson

August 21, 1924 - July 2, 2015

Florence "Flo" Dodson, 90, of Beecher, passed away Thursday (July 2, 2015) at Beecher Manor Nursing Home.

Graveside services were held at Oakland Memory Lanes in Dolton.

Funeral services were handled by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno.

Florence K. Dodson was born in Chicago, IL on August 21, 1924, the daughter of Albert J. and Elsie Lotz Kalkbrenner. She graduated from Thornton Township High School in 1942 and received her certificate as a licensed practical nurse in 1949. She was employed at Holy Cross Hospital in Chicago, IL.

In 1953 and 1954, she was presented with the Shuta Bead, the third highest award given to Camp Fine Girl Leaders in the nation. She had two groups at that time in Chicago. In 1954, she was elected the first president of the Marlboro Women's Club in Chicago. From 1952 to 1954, she was secretary of the Southwest District Camp Fine Girls Leaders Association. During 1954, she was Executive Secretary of the Southtown Community Council and secretary of the Englewood Juvenile Protection Association.

From 1961 through 1970, she taught knitting at the Thornton Township Junior

College in Harvey, IL and held one of two teaching certificates in the state of Illinois for knitting only.

In 1974, she began restoring, repairing, and recostuming antique and modern dolls and was more recently called the Manteno Doll Doc. During her 30 years in this endeavor, she completed more than 3,000 dolls. She was a co-founder of the Just For Fun Doll Collectors and was its secretary until 1999.

She was secretary of the Ladies' Aid at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Beecher, IL from 1998 until 2006.

For more than 20 years, she was a multiple ribbon winner at the Peotone County Fair for her handiwork, crochet, and sewing. She lived at Beecher Manor Nursing Home holding the position of "Resident Council Secretary" for a number of years.