

## **Mrs. Irene Bishop**

Mrs. Irene Douglas Bishop, 92, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, at Sunrise Assisted Living, Frederick. She was the wife of the late Jesse C. Bishop. They were married Sept. 8, 1936, in Bloomingdale, Ga., where she was raised. They previously resided in Washington, D.C., Bethesda, Germantown, Red Oak, Iowa, and finally, Ijamsville.

She was born Oct. 19, 1916, in Savannah, Ga., to the late Thomas Elmo and Irene Sandiford Douglas.

Mrs. Bishop was the office manager and assistant to her husband in the operation of their landscaping business in Bethesda, from 1945 to 1961, and their nursery-landscaping business until 1976.

Surviving her are three children, C. Larry Bishop and wife, Helen, of Frederick, T. Alan Bishop and wife, Janet, of Greenwood, S.C., and Jan L. Peterson and husband, Kenneth, of Elliot, Iowa; eight grandchildren, Thomas A. Bishop and wife, Lisa, Donald G. Bishop and wife, Cille, of Greenwood, S.C., Steven T. Bishop and wife, Michelle, of Deluth, Ga., Amy B. Sheahin and husband, Edward, of Adamstown, Michelle B. Hockenbery of Middletown, Shawn K. Peterson of Spirit Lake, Iowa, Holly C. Rittgers of Griswald, Iowa, and Rebecca J. Treasure and husband, Matthew, of Burlington, Iowa; a brother-in-law, Stacy L. Mattox of Madison, Ga.; twelve great-grandchildren; and two step great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bishop was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas Elmo Douglas Jr., of Louisville, Ky.; a sister, Margaret E. Mattox of Forest Park, Ga.; and a sister-in-law, Katherine B. Douglas of Louisville, Ky.

Friends may call from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at Molesworth-Williams Funeral Home, 26401 Ridge Road, Damascus. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the funeral home. The Rev. Dr. Susan Halse, pastor of Middletown United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Lynn Cairns, will officiate. Interment will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Bethesda.