



Rhea M. Merrell

August 29, 2014

Rhea M. Merrell, age 108, passed away on August 29, 2014 at Worthington Christian Village, Columbus, OH. She was born in Kent, OH in 1906 to Eben and Mary Jane (Price) Johnson who predeceased her. She is also preceded in death by her husband of 24 years, Edwin Noah Merrell; 3 half-brothers, Howard Johnson, Will Johnson and Frank Johnson; 2 half-sisters, Annis Stevens and Anna Bickley. She is survived by her son, Edwin (Bobbi) Merrell. Rhea graduated with a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Kent State University. She was an elementary school teacher from 1927-1956 and an elementary school supervisor in Portage County from 1956-1974. She was a member of Delta Zeta, Order of the Eastern Star and many other local organizations. Rhea was a woman with a positive attitude. She had a very strong, private religious faith. She believed she had a wonderful life and also believed the next place would be wonderful. The family would like to especially thank the staff at Worthington Christian Village Assisted Living Apartments and Gentiva Hospice. A private burial and service will take place at a later date at Standing Rock Cemetery, Kent, OH. Memorial contributions may be made to Gentiva Hospice Foundation, 540 Offcenter Place, Suite 100, Gahanna, OH 43230. Arrangements are entrusted to Day & Manofsky Funeral Service.