

Doris Pennell

Dec. 6, 1918 — May 27, 2009

Doris Pennell, 90, of Winona died Wednesday,
May 27, 2009, at Lake Winona Manor in Winona.



Doris Ellen Pennell was born Dec. 6, 1918, in Toledo, Iowa, the daughter of Earl and Faye (Simpson) Pennell.

She graduated from Toledo High School, received a B.A. from Iowa State Teachers' College, an M.A. from the University of Northern Colorado and an Ed. S. from Southern Illinois University. She taught 15 years in elementary grades in Iowa. In 1982, she received a certificate for professor emeritus from Winona State University, where she had taught for 23 years.

During her teaching career and after retirement, she was very active in several organizations including: Delta Kappa Gamma, Pi Lambda Theta, Kappa Delta Pi, Association for Childhood Education, National Council for the Social Studies, National Education Association, Iowa and Minnesota Education Associations, Winona State Faculty Association, Inter Faculty Organization of the Minnesota State University System, Minnesota and International Reading Associations, American Association of University Women, Business and Professional Women. She is listed in Who's Who of American Women, World's Who's Who of Women and Who's Who Biographical Record and Child Development Professionals.

Doris was an active member of Central United Methodist Church. She has served on many of its committees, including being a representative to the state annual church conference for nine years. She was also very active in the United Methodist Women and her church circle. Doris was a strong and independent individual who studied and traveled throughout the world.

Surviving her is a brother, Lee (LaVonne) Pennell of Salt Lake City, Utah, and eight nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grand-nephew.

Memorial services to celebrate Doris' life will be Thursday, June 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the Tranquility Chapel of Lake Winona Manor, the Rev. William Flesch officiating. Inurnment will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Tama, Iowa.

Memorial gifts may be directed to the Doris E. Pennell Scholarship for Education, c/o Cathy Seracki, P.O. Box 5838, Winona MN 55987 or Central United Methodist Church, Winona, or donor's choice.

Services entrusted to Fawcett-Junker Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Winona.

Words of sympathy and remembrance may be left at www.fawcett-junkerfuneralhome.com.