



## Dorothy Frances (Blankenship) Withrow

August 8, 2010

Dorothy Frances (Blankenship) Withrow, age 85, of Somerville died Sunday, August 8, 2010. She was born June 6, 1925 in Hamilton, Ohio the daughter of Elva and Cora (Day) Blankenship. She was a graduate of Ross High School. She married Merle J. Withrow on March 19, 1949 in Liberty, Indiana and he preceded her in death in 1998. She was employed by Champion International at Knightsbridge as a key punch operator in the shipping-scheduling department retiring in 1998. Dorothy was a member of the First Baptist Church where she was past Sunday School Superintendant and Sunday School Teacher. Dorothy loved her family and all living things and was a devoted wife and mother. She shared her home and barn with numerous horses, dogs and cats over the years. She played the piano, dulcimer, and was part of the First Baptist Church Bell Choir. She loved music of all genres. She loved to draw and paint especially animals and she collected antiques with her husband, Merle. Dorothy is survived by two sons, Scott A. Withrow and wife Beverly of Hamilton and Merle J. Withrow and wife Rosanne of Amarillo, TX; a daughter, Jene' D. Withrow Krall and husband Jim of Oxford, OH.; two sisters, Lorraine Collier and husband Rex and Geraldine Conrad and husband Bud all of Hamilton; nine grandchildren, Tina, Tara, Brandan, Amanda, Mara, Andrew, Noah, Frances and Michael; four Great Grandchildren, Beverly and Sheldi Withrow, Jack Baker and Emma Rose. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Merle; sons, Kimberly Dean Withrow in 2007 and Jay Withrow in 1951. Funeral service will be Thursday,

August 12, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at Weigel Funeral Home, 980 NW Washington Blvd., Hamilton, OH with Pastor Dennis Metzger and Pastor William Brantingham officiating. Burial will be in Somerville Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 12:30 until time of service. The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the staff and doctors at Woodland Country Manor for their wonderful care and service. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to Alzheimer's Association, Greater Cincinnati Chapter, 644 Linn St., Suite 1026, Cincinnati, OH 45203 or First Baptist Church, 1501 Pyramid Hill Blvd., Hamilton, OH 45013.