



## Dorothea M. Bless

March 7, 1931 - December 9, 2021

Dorothea M. Bless, 90, of Greenview, IL passed away at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield on Thursday, December 9, 2021. She was born in Menard County on March 7, 1931 to Harmon O. and Margaret H. (Marquard) Tholen. She married Frank E. Bless on January 13, 1951 in Greenview. He preceded her in death on December 27, 1997.

Dorothea is survived by one son, Larry (Suzanne) Bless of Athens; four daughters, Connie (Randy) Brownfield of New Holland, Beverly (John) Burns of Greenview, Janet (Mike) Langford of Greenview, Donna (Randy) Tibbs of Easton; six grandchildren, Cole (Jazmine) Brownfield, Connor (Kristine) Brownfield, Amanda Bless, Travis (Jennifer) Bless, Laura (Brad Lemme) Tibbs and Kristina (Rob) Kern; and four great grandchildren, Karlie and Khloe Bless, Evan Lemme, and Gaige Kern. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Harmon J. Tholen; and three sisters, Evelyn Hudspeth, Suzie Tholen, and Emma Winkelmann.

Dorothea was a lifelong resident of the Greenview area. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Greenview where she had served as a Deacon and Bereavement Chairman, member of the Greenview AmVets Ladies Auxiliary where she had served as president, secretary, treasurer, and child welfare chairman. Dorothea worked at the Greenview School District for 20 years as a cook and then a supervisor. She also worked part-time in the cafeteria an additional 13 years before retiring. She was a Cardinals Baseball fan, enjoyed bowling, crossword and jigsaw puzzles, and collected bells and

denim days.

A visitation will be held for Dorothea on Monday, December 13, 2021 at the United Presbyterian Church in Greenview, IL from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. A funeral service will also be held at the church on Tuesday, December 14 at 11:00 AM. Shane Hoerbert will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Greenview United Presbyterian Church or St. Jude Children's Hospital. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Greenview, IL.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com)

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

Greenview, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Greenview United Church  
111 S. Blane St.  
Greenview, IL

## Funeral

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greenview United Church  
111 S. Blane St.  
Greenview, IL

## Burial

DEC 14. 12:00 PM (CT)

Elmwood Cemetery  
Greenview, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothea M. Bless*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the family on their loss. We will miss Dorothy but she will leave behind so many memories for all of us to enjoy. I personally have story upon story of Dorothy and Frank that always brings a smile to my face from family events, the school cafeteria or over a cold beer. I am out of state today but will have her and the family in my thoughts and prayers. Travis D*

**Travis Dowell** - December 14, 2021 at 07:58 AM



“ *Melanie McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Dorothea M. Bless*



**Melanie McDaniel** - December 13, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ *Larry & Family,  
Please accept my sincere, heartfelt condolences on the passing of your Mother. Praying for comfort and peace for the entire family.*

**Eddie LeMasters** - December 13, 2021 at 09:41 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dorothea M. Bless.*



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December 13, 2021 at 07:58 AM



“ *So sorry to hear Dorothy has passed. I remember her fondly from attending Greenview school and I worked in the cafeteria with her and Mr Bless. They were great people, loved kids, and worked hard. Sending my sincere condolences.*



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**Sheryl Garcia (Shields)** - December 12, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Dorothea M. Bless.*



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December 12, 2021 at 04:46 PM



“ *Your mom was so kind and as a kid she would always brighten my day with her warm smile at school.*

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**cathy** - December 12, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothea M. Bless.*



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December 12, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Think of you often. You were one of Howard's favorite co-workers. My sympathy to the family.*

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**Marilyn martin** - December 12, 2021 at 07:01 AM



“ *Prayers to the Bless family at the loss of their mother and a wonderful lady, Dorothy. May the Lord's peace carry you through this difficult time.*

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**Candy Knox** - December 12, 2021 at 06:58 AM



“ *Ike And Peggy Baugher lit a candle in memory of Dorothea M. Bless*



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**Ike and Peggy Baugher** - December 11, 2021 at 07:38 PM

SJ

“ Dorothy was a truly caring person I've known since childhood...my memories of her at the lunchroom and filling our trays.. always a smile and a care, then during HS, having dinner for Janet and I ready so we could get to the bus for ways games!! My second Mom, Love you Dorothy!! Hugs and prayers to the Bless Families... sincerely Shelley Ridge Jones

Shelley Jones - December 11, 2021 at 07:08 PM

SS

“ Dot I will never forget you my friend, bowling buddy we had a lot of fun I will never forget our trips to the different casinos Rest In Peace my friend 🙏🙏🙏🙏

sharon Sanders - December 11, 2021 at 02:51 PM

RB

“ Ren And Janet Bauser lit a candle in memory of Dorothea M. Bless



Ren and Janet Bauser - December 11, 2021 at 09:58 AM

KC

“ Donna and Family,  
Sorry to read about the loss of your Mom...she's at peace,reunited with others..cherish and hold on to the memories in the days and weeks to follow...No time is a good one for any loss..  
My prayers and condolences to all...  
Kathy Cavanaugh

Kathy Cavanaugh - December 11, 2021 at 08:54 AM

VB

“ Vickie Bagby lit a candle in memory of Dorothea M. Bless



Vickie Bagby - December 11, 2021 at 08:31 AM

MD

“ I will always have fond memories of Dorothy and Boob at the school cafeteria ❤️ My condolences. —Marsha (Dosier) DeBennette

Marsha DeBennette - December 10, 2021 at 11:34 PM

 Tonya Duncan

“ So sad to hear she was a wonderful lady prayers to the family during this time.

Tonya Duncan  
Mary Leverton Family

Tonya Duncan - December 10, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothea M. Bless.



December 10, 2021 at 06:40 PM