



Mary A. Gillham

March 1, 1917 - April 22, 2011

Mary A. Gillham, 95, formerly of Princeton, died Friday, April 22, 2011, at Heartland Health Care Center in Henry, where she resided.

Mary was born March 1, 1916, in Princeton to Philip Dakin Gillham and Margaret (Palmer) Gillham. She graduated from Princeton High School, and then from Monmouth College. She taught high school English for several years in Polo, Aledo, and Sandwich, and then served several years as high school librarian in the Proviso schools in Maywood, Illinois.

She earned her Masters in Library Science at the University of Illinois, and then became an instructor of Library Science at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where she served until she retired and moved back to Princeton.

Mary was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Princeton, the Princeton chapter of P.E.O., and Friends of the Library.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her two sisters, Jane E. Buckle of Sheridan, Illinois, and Nancy E. Hornbaker of St. Petersburg, Florida. She is survived by six nieces and nephews: Howard Buckle of Sheridan; Beverly (Larry) Eden of Hennepin; Caryl (Stewart) Harris of Clermont, Florida; Cathryn Weber of St. Petersburg, Florida; Richard (Kathy) Hornbaker of Princeton; and Laurel Schoen of Ballwin, Missouri; and by twelve grand nieces and nephews and fourteen great grand nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Princeton on

Friday, May 13, at 2:00 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to Princeton Public Library and First Presbyterian Church of Princeton.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

Park Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356