

Obituary for Mrs. Florence Hazeltine Lyrene

Written by Dr. Stephen Lyrene

On June 8, 2023 Florence Hazeltine (Tina) Lyrene passed away at age 98 after a long illness. She was with her son George and daughter-in-law Dianne in their home in Madison, Alabama at the time of her passing. She is predeceased by George Lyrene Sr., her husband of 58 years. She is survived by her 3 sons Dr. George (Dianne) Lyrene, Dr. Paul (Irma) Lyrene and Dr. Stephen (Barbara) Lyrene, 4 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren.

Tina was born to Sixten and Grace Edhegard in Manistee, Michigan, May 28, 1925. The family moved to a small farm in Silverhill, Alabama in 1926, in time to endure the 1926 hurricane. The family grew and Tina became the 5th of 8 siblings, all of whom have predeceased her. Early times were hard, and Tina recalled the children picking blackberries for a supper consisting of blackberries and milk. Growing up in the depression fostered a lifetime of frugality, but also of caring for those in need. She graduated from Robertsdale High School and at age 18 in August 1943, married George Lyrene, moving to the Lyrene farm west of Silverhill. She was actively involved with the Silverhill Covenant Church and her quiet faith was a central part of her being and approach to life. She taught Sunday School for many years, and served the Church in a variety of ways. In addition to the busy life on the farm, she was active with the PTA, with Silverhill School as room mother and at times substitute teacher. She served many years with the Silverhill Library. For many years she was a poll worker in Silverhill.

If the richness of life is measure by how much one gives love and receives love, her life was rich indeed. She always demonstrated great love and caring for her husband and children, for her parents, her five sisters and two brothers, and her many nephews and nieces and their children and grandchildren. This love and caring extended out to her neighbors and the many friends she had in Silverhill.

She loved living on the farm, as long as she was able. Her gardens grew a wide variety of flowers. Her kindness to animals was remarkable and she enjoyed many hours of watching and feeding the birds. She was an avid reader and loved poetry and could recite at any unexpected moment poems that she had memorized in grammar school. She loved music and for many years played the piano in Church or sang in the choir.

Tina was much loved by many, and her gentle demeanor, her practical wisdom, her wise counsel, and her caring presence will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Silverhill Library; P O Box 309; Silverhill, Al 36576 or to Shepherd's Fold Village; Post Prison Re-entry Program; P O Box 149; Harvest, Alabama 35749

A graveside service will be held June 19 10:30 AM at Silverhill Cemetery with reception at Silverhill Covenant Church afterwards.

Obituary for Mr. George Andrew Lyrene

George A. Lyrene, a native and life-long resident of Silverhill, died Thursday, May 23, 2002 at a local nursing facility. He was 89. Lyrene attended the University of Alabama where he studied electrical engineering before returning to the Silverhill family farm. He was a dedicated and long-time active member of the Silverhill Covenant Church. Survivors include his wife of over 58 years, Tina Lyrene of Silverhill; three sons, Allan Lyrene of Cullman, Paul M. Lyrene of Gainesville, Fla., and Stephen A. Lyrene of Silverhill; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 1, from the Silverhill Covenant Church. Any memorial gifts may be made to the Benevolent Fund of the Silverhill Covenant Church. Funeral and memorial arrangements are by Mack Funeral Home in Robertsdale.

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