

Emogene Rockwell Dietz



EMOGENE (ROCKWELL) DIETZ OBT.

b. 9 March 1929 – d. 16 October 2017, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, md **Cecil Eugene Dietz**, b. 7 April 1925, s/o **Henry "Harry" Denny Dietz** (1887-1980) & **Emma Jane Bilbrey** (1896-1985). Emogene (Rockwell) Dietz, d/o **Harvey Dealer Rockwell** (1893-1989) & **Eunice Haslo Barnes** (1899-1986).

NASHVILLE — Emogene Rockwell Dietz passed away peacefully at home with loved ones at her side on Oct. 16, 2017, at the age of 88, after a prolonged illness.



She is survived and will be missed deeply by her husband of 71 years, C. Eugene Dietz; son Burton (Kathleen); daughter, Brenda Valiquette (John); son, Wally (Lee Lee); grandchildren Aimée Valiquette (Carson Parks), Karen Valiquette (Jarid Smith), Scott Dietz, and Kerry Dietz (Daniel Bacigalupi); and great-grandson Nikolas Parks. Nothing made her happier than to visit with family. Two sons passed away previously, Charles (2011) and Franz (2012).

Emogene was the daughter of Harvey Dealer and Eunice Barnes Rockwell of the Poplar Grove Community in Putnam County where she grew up on the family farm. She was the great-granddaughter of the Rev. Isaac Newton Buck, a Methodist minister who founded Salem Methodist Church and Andrew ("Buck's") College, the first school of higher learning in Putnam County. Emogene had six Rockwell brothers, all of whom passed away previously, Harold, Oren, J.L, Glen (Pat), Deloy and Fowler. The family homeplace where she was born has remained in continuous family ownership since the original land grant in 1869.

Emogene graduated from Central High School in Cookeville and on June 29, 1946, married Eugene, six weeks after their first date and soon after he returned from serving in the Navy. After moving to Nashville, she attended George Peabody College and became a pre-school teacher, working in several schools, including the Montessori Centre and Westminster School for Young Children.

Emogene was an active volunteer in the Nashville community, especially for the public schools her children attended and the Nashville Symphony, including working at the Italian Street Fair in its heyday. She was a member of the League of Women Voters, the Peabody Dames, and the Metropolitan Opera Guild. She was passionate about her gardening and could not wait for the spring months when she could work her hands in the dirt and plant her flowers. Emogene was also a music lover, especially classical, and made certain that all of her children had some musical education. Prior to her illness she was a member of and attended West End United Methodist Church.

Emogene will be remembered as a loving wife to Eugene, her faithful companion of 71 years, and devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

The family held a private memorial service on Friday, Oct. 20, followed by her graveside service and burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in the family plot. Memorial donations are not necessary but to the extent desired, please direct any donation to the Nashville Symphony or a charity of one's choosing.

Visit the online obituary: www.woodlawn-roesch-pattonfh.com.

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