



## Dorothy Lillard

May 1, 1923 - May 18, 2011

Dorothy Smith Lillard died peacefully at her home in Tyler on Wednesday, May 18, 2011. A graveside service will be held Friday, May 20, 2011 at 11:00 AM at Rose Hill Cemetery with Rev. Stuart Baskin officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Dottie Smith was born in Macon, Georgia on May 1, 1923 to Charles Benjamin and Dorothy Yates Smith. Dottie graduated from high school in Forsyth, Georgia and attended Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama. It was there she met 2nd Lt. James W. Lillard Jr. of Dallas, who was stationed there. They were married in Forsyth on July 4, 1942. During her husband's Air Force career she was a homemaker in Forsyth, Macon and St. Simons Island, Georgia; Dayton, Ohio; Louth, Lincolnshire, England; Washington, D.C.; Paris, France; and Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. When Colonel Lillard retired from the Air Force on February 29, 1968, they moved to Tyler. In Tyler, Dorothy was a member of Marvin United Methodist Church, Criterion Literary Club, Marion Wilcox Garden Club and the Rosemary Garden Club. She is preceded in death by her husband of sixty-six years, sister Barbara Colin Smith, brother, Charles Benjamin Smith, Jr. and by granddaughter, Dee Dee Hairston. Dorothy is survived by her only child, Dottie Lillard Hairston and husband Jim of Tyler; two granddaughters and three great-granddaughters, Barbara Hairston Haslett and daughter Anna of Tyler, Katie Hairston Kennedy and husband Chuck and daughter Lilly of Houston, and Emily Longoria of Fort Worth. Visitation is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2011 from 5:00-6:30 PM at

Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, 75703. If desired, memorials in honor of Dorothy Smith Lillard may be made to the Spirit of St. Louis Therapeutic Riding Program, 600 Cambridge Rd, Tyler, 75703.