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Lena Doris Woolard (nee' Hinkson) completed her earthly mission on May 7, 2020 at the age of 104 years old. Born July 30, 1915, she lived throughout her youth in Wichita, Kansas. Following marriage in 1936 to her husband, Dr. Harold I. Woolard, she resided for several years in Colorado, then New Mexico, North Dakota, and Iowa, before relocating in 1957 to Little Rock, Arkansas, where Dr. Woolard served at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR). During his tenure there, he served as Academic Dean and Professor of Humanities, as well as the organizing dean of the College of Communications.

Doris' professional career included working as associate librarian during her husband's graduate studies at Denver University. In Little Rock, she worked in journalism and publishing for several years, culminating as Managing Editor and Associate Editor of the weekly Arkansas Methodist newspaper. Both she and her husband retired in 1980.

In addition to her professional career, Doris fulfilled numerous other roles and responsibilities during her lifetime, serving wherever she saw there was a

need. She was a firm believer in the Barnabas principle, that of being an encourager and enabler. Of primary importance was her maintenance of quality family life based on Christian values. Her service also included children/youth ministries and mentoring college students, as well as various leadership responsibilities in the United Methodist Women's organization, visiting the sick in homes and hospitals, and serving for several years as her church's administrative council chairperson.

Following her husband's death in 1984, Doris resided for 21 years in Little Rock's Parkway Village retirement community, where she continued with various volunteer responsibilities. In 2005, Doris relocated to Londonderry, NH, to live with her terminally ill daughter, the Reverend Diane Woolard Bragg. Following her daughter's death, Doris moved to Merritt Island, Florida in 2006 to be with her son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Pamela Woolard, and their family.

Doris is survived by her son, Major Lynn P. Woolard, USAF (Retired) and his wife Pamela; her granddaughters, Rebecca L. Woolard of Merritt Island and the Reverend Kathi Inglis Johnson and her husband Steve of San Antonio, Texas; great-grandson Owen J. Lassiter; several nieces and nephews; and a lifetime of friends. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Dr. Harold I. Woolard; her daughter, the Reverend Diane W. Bragg; and her grandson, L. Phillip Woolard, II.

A service of celebration will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Merritt Island at a future date to be announced. Memorials may be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 5555 N. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, FL 32953. Interment will be alongside Dr. Woolard at North Hills Cemetery, North Little Rock, Arkansas at a future date to be announced.

Doris' family is profoundly grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ for her long,

blessed, and fruitful life. Thanks be to God!

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