

# Leona (Smoot) McCullough

1913-2009

OTTAWA — Leona (Smoot) McCullough, 95, of Rutland Township, Ottawa, died Feb. 19, 2009, at Manor Court, Freeport.



**McCullough**

She was born Dec. 29, 1913, in Scotland County, Mo., to Ray and Carrie

(Blodgett)  
Smoot. She was an elementary school teacher at Wedron and Sheridan schools prior to her retirement.

She married John Ard McCullough May 29, 1937. He died in 1960.

Leona graduated from Chicago Hyde Park High School, received her bachelor's degree in education from Bradley University and her master's degree in education from Northern Illinois University.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Ottawa, Illini Chapter of NSDAR, La Salle County Genealogy Society, Illinois Retired Teachers'

Association, Scotland  
County Missouri Genealogy  
Society and Mary E.

Chapter of Eastern Star.

Surviving are her children, Edwin R. McCullough (Karen Sholl) of Chicago, Charles "Lee" McCullough (Joyce) of Peru and daughter, Susan McCullough Perry (Michael) of Freeport; six grandchildren, Mary McCullough Faillo (Michael) of Villa Park, Philomena Matus (Hugo) of Minneapolis, Benjamin Perry (Katie) of Evanston, Sarah Perry VanHeirseele (Jason) of Gurnee,

Kathleen McCullough of Chicago and Ellen Perry Shorter (DeJuan) of Chicago: and four great-grandchildren, Anthony Faillo, Beatriz Matus, Abigail Perry and Olivia VanHeirseele.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a son, John.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial services will be at a later date. Walker Funeral Home in Freeport is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.