

The Robert O. and Doris E. Winters Scholarship Fund

Robert O. and Doris E. were married on July 31, 1965 and spent thirty-three years together. Both were actively involved in the Starke County Community.

Robert was born on March 15, 1925 in Starke County, where he was a lifelong resident. Robert was the former President of the Hamlet State Bank and later the 1st Source Bank of Hamlet. He also was a past Starke County Treasurer, past member of the Starke County Council, past precinct committeeman, the former State Treasurer of Young Democrats, and a U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII. He held membership in other groups as well, including the Knox Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite of South Bend, the Oak Temple of Michigan City, the Hamlet American Legion, and the Knox V.F.W.

Doris was born to parents James and Odetta (Mobie) Kipfer in Bremen, Indiana on January 22, 1926. She resided in Knox, Indiana, where she was very involved in her community. She was the Starke County Veteran Service Officer for seventeen years, and she worked in the Starke County Treasurer's office for several years. She had previously been the Secretary of the Starke County Democrat Central Committee and the President of the Pulaski County Democrat Women's Club.



Aside from her community positions, she enjoyed traveling, reading, and growing flowers. She established the Robert O. and Doris E. Winters Scholarship Fund in September of 1999, following her husband's passing on February 7, 1998.

She enjoyed spending the winter months at her home in Largo, Florida, where she passed away on January 17, 2012. She had two daughters from a previous marriage, Linda Braun and Rebecca Jensen, who had previously passed away. She had five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, and a beloved dog, Erin.