**Army vital to disaster drill**

by John Larsen

Earlier this summer, the Metropolitan Division’s massive emergency disaster services center—a warehouse and high-tech communications facility located in Chicago-suburb Elk Grove Village—began area command headquarters for a huge, week-long joint disaster training exercise involving personnel from more than 50 local, state, federal, private and international disaster response agencies.

In addition to Salvation Army emergency disaster services (IDS) personnel, participants included members of the Illinois National Guard, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V Federal Bureau of Investigation National Guard Bureau Illinois State Police and the City of Chicago’s police, fire, hazmat, bomb, arson investigation, aviation, transit and emergency management units.

The joint training exercise was designed to test civilian and military responses and coordination within the context of multiple disaster incidents occurring throughout Illinois.

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**Roberts named national leaders**

Commissioners William and Nancy Roberts, Central Territory officers currently serving as territorial leaders in the Kenya West Territory, have been appointed as national leaders for the United States by General Shaw Clifton. Commissioner William Roberts will be the national commander and Commissioner Nancy Roberts the national president of women’s ministries as of November 1, 2010. In order to serve for three years in their new appointment, the General has extended their active service as officers until October 31, 2013. They succeed Commissioners Israel L. and Eva D. Gaither who will be retiring.

“We have thoroughly enjoyed our all too few years in Kenya West, where we have come to love the place and the people, as we have helped to advance the mission of the Army there,” said Commissioner William Roberts. “We will now trust God, as we have for all of our officership, to use us and to make us useful, as we take up our new appointments at National Headquarters. We believe that our service outside of the United States these past nine years will help us to serve effectively as we return to our home country.”

The Roberts entered the School for Officers’ Training in 1969 and after only one year were appointed to serve as corps officers in Kansas City, Kan. After several other corps appointments, they assumed roles in administration, eventually leading the Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division and then the Metropolitan Division. In 2001 they were appointed as territorial leaders for the South America East (SAE) Territory. During their tenure in SAE they guided the territory through one of the worst economic and political crises in Argentina’s history.

In February 2005 they were appointed to International Headquarters (HQ) in London, England, with him serving as international secretary for business administration and her as secretary for HQ staff development and HQ chaplain.

They have been serving as leaders of the newly formed Kenya West Territory since March 2008.

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**Targeting education**

In keeping with their ongoing support of the Salvation Army, Target Corporation donated just over $272,500 designated to create libraries and media centers in each division across the territory. Their goal was to increase traffic in learning environments and, ultimately, promote education.

Each division chose an Army facility to renovate or in which to create a library and media center.

One corps which has particularly benefited from the grant is in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; they lost the entire lower level of their building during the June 2008 floods. The lower portion of their building is now complete and even improved, thanks to Target, with the addition of a new library and media center.

Nearly 50 children stop by the corps after school to use the media room daily. More than 30 children use it for character-building programs and around 55 have access to it through day camp this summer. Social services staff use it as a resource for older adults.

According to Corps Officer Lt. Michael Siggren, “This project has been described as a sign of hope and progress, as well as a final chapter in the Army’s recovery process in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.”

Another location that has benefited is the Wayne Westland, Mich. Corps, which is located in a lower-income community of approximately 37,000 residents. In 2007 they opened a computer lab to meet the high demand for after-school programming but could only afford a few computers that were unreliable at best. Thanks to the grant they now have a renovated space with 11 computers, a printer and educational software.

“We serve an average of 40 people Monday through Friday,” said Captain Derek Rose, corps officer. “Having a media center connects the community to the Army and the valuable media services they need.”

At the Emergency Lodge Shelter in Waukesha, Wis., men are using new computers for internet access to job search, and at the Eagle Creek, Ind., Corps the rapidly expanding Hispanic community benefits from English as a Second Language classes and the new library provides.
I love to bake. Homemade chocolate chip cookies are one of my favorite things to make for family and friends. I use the standard recipe found on the back of really good chips, then add an additional cup or two of chips. I figure anything with that much chocolate can’t go wrong.

I recently asked some of my friends on Facebook to answer the question, “What does a Salvation Army officer need to have/be?” I was amazed at all of the responses I received. Some were as simple as humor, flexibility, compassion and unconditional love.

I thought about the officers I know. I realized we all share some similar characteristics, mainly a calling and a willingness to serve others and to go where the Lord—through The Salvation Army—places us. But God also gave each of us different gifts and talents which make us unique. Though we’re Salvation Army officers, we can be very different. We wear the same uniform but don’t all carry out our responsibilities in the same way. I can point out officers who are wonderful at evangelizing, others who have strong leadership skills, some who are fantastic preachers and teachers, and some who naturally get in the trenches and serve alongside others. Joy, contentment, compassion and humility are part of who we are not only as officers but as believers.

God takes all these ingredients and uses us in ways we can’t even imagine for His glory. Sometimes I wonder why God would call me. Why would He choose me? I’m just a simple girl born in Fremont, Neb., who never had aspirations of world travel or being in the limelight, a girl who even now sometimes wonders if I’m up to the task God has asked me to perform. However, I was recently reminded God calls all of us—soldiers and officers, employees and volunteers—to serve Him. He equips us to do the task He appoints us to do. Best assured God knows exactly who He’s doing. He wants each of us to give ourselves to make something beautiful in the body of Christ. Take your gifts and talents, add them to the mix, and let’s see what good things come from all of us serving Christ Jesus and our fellowman.

Get in the mix
by Lt. Colonel Dawn Heatwole
Territorial Candidates’ Secretary

L t. Colonels James and Janice Nauta retired this summer after 20 years of faithful service as officers. When combined with nearly 20 years James was an employee, serving as divisional social service secretary for the Indiana and the Western Michigan and Northern Indiana divisions, 40 years of exemplary service were given.

The Nautas’ retirement service was an uplifting celebration of God’s love. It featured inspiring music, the beautiful scripture passage Ephesians 3: 14-21, and tributes by their son Tim and longtime friends Lt. Colonels Mickey and June McLaren, who cited the Nautas’ wonderful example of Christian commitment and strength.

After becoming officers in 1989, James served as social service secretary and Janice as volunteer director in the Western Michigan and Northern Indiana and the Western divisions. In 1994 James was appointed as divisional secretary and Janice as home league secretary for the Western Division.

From 1995 to 2003 James served as territorial social service secretary giving policy, planning and administrative oversight to the Army’s vast social services in the Midwest. Janice served as older adult ministry director, giving leadership to this important ministry niche.

In July 2003 the Nautas became divisional leaders for the Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division. Five years later they were appointed back to territorial headquarters as secretary for personnel and associate secretary for personnel. In 2009 they were promoted to the rank of Lt. colonel.

The retirement ceremony was conducted by Central territorial leaders Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler.

“The Nautas have given stellar service in their years as employees, as auxiliary captains working in social services and aging, as divisional leaders, and as secretary for personnel in these last two years,” said Commissioner Carol Seiler. “Colonel Jan is known for her grace and gentle spirit, a godly woman who remains firm in Christ regardless of the challenges faced. Colonel Jim has led with passion and commitment, expecting the best from others and giving his best to the Army. His heart has been anguished by the challenges of officers, and yet he has steadily, with dignity and integrity, followed through on complex situations. His prayer and attention to the placement of officers and their families has required hours and hours of discussion and consideration.”

The Nautas have three married children: Captain Timothy (Teri) Nauta, Julie (Jamy) Johnston, and Elaine (Jamy) Shiel, and six grandchildren.

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Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, Central territorial commander, presents retirement certificates to Lt. Colonels James and Janice Nauta.

Nautas saluted for stellar service

Five years ago Captains William and Cassandra DeJesus left the Central Territory with their two sons, Alejandro and Michael, for the South America East Territory, serving first at a corps in Resistencia, Argentina, and then in Buenos Aires.

This summer they have returned home to assume appointments at territorial headquarters. William is the assistant youth secretary and Cassandra the assistant to the secretary for program.

Although sad to leave wonderful friends and soldiers behind, their hearts are full.

As corps officers in Resistencia they enrolled many senior and junior soldiers. In Buenos Aires Cassandra was blessed to see 11 senior soldiers enrolled as a corps officer, while William rallied young people as the territorial youth and candidate secretary.

During their time abroad what really marked the DeJesus’ ministry was complete dependency on the Lord.

“There were times that we didn’t know if the thrift store would make enough money to pay the corps’ expenses, and there were times we would go without supper because we only had enough food to feed the boys,” said Cassandra. “But God always provided in the end.”
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Brengle still inspiring

Down by the Blue River among the lively old oaks and rolling hills of southern Indiana was born in 1846, a man whose influence would travel the world, Samuel Logan Brengle.

Recent commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Brengle’s birth by the Indiana Division testifies how one soldier’s vision and passion can rally others. A history buff of sorts, Marion, Ind., soldier Glenn Welch came across a program of the 100th year celebration in 1960 by the division led then by Lt. Colonel R. Raymond Gabriel, father of Commissioner Joy Baillie. Glenn was galvanized, contacting the division, Commissioners Ken and Joy Baillie, the town of Fredricksburg and the Fredericksburg United Methodist Episcopal Church [Brengle’s first church home]. Soon a plan was orchestrated to mark the occasion.

The church warmly welcomed Salvationists, including the Baillies, Indiana divisional leaders Majors Richard and Vicki Amick and the divisional band. Following a powerful sermon by Commissioner Ken Baillie, festivities continued at Brengle’s birth site just down the road.

Stories were lively as locals waded into the freshly cut field to share their memories of Brengle’s legacy. Local Ben Weathers described his experience at the 100th year remembrance of Brengle’s birth. Only 16 then, he recalled Salvation Army personnel camping overnight by the river. Mingling with Salvationists on this afternoon 50 years later, Weathers was presented with one of Brengle’s books by Commissioner Ken Baillie.

With mild temperatures and no rain, the New Albany, Ind., Corps disaster services canteen served lunch to locals and guests before the afternoon concluded with a short dedication featuring congratulatory words shared from state, national and international leaders.

Thanks to one soldier’s initiative, monuments and a sign now mark the birth site of the man who said, “All that God asks is that the heart should be cleansed from sin, and full of love; whether it be the tender heart of the little child, with feeble powers of loving, or of the full-grown man, or of the flaming archangel before the throne. This is holiness and this only. It is nothing less than this, and it can be nothing more.”

Heroes among us

by Susan Eustice

Former Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner addressed more than 1,400 people during the 11th annual D.J.’s Heroes Awards Luncheon in Omaha, Neb. The event raised more than $395,000 for Salvation Army youth programs in the Western Division.

As a child, Kurt wanted to be a superhero; he became a Super Bowl-winning quarterback instead. He still admires superheroes because they stand for something. He mentioned two of his personal heroes: Billy Graham for never compromising what he believed in, and Martin Luther King, Jr., who said a man who won’t die for something is not fit to live.

“To be a hero, you have to be willing to sacrifice for someone else,” said Kurt, who added he was standing among heroes: the nine teens honored as this year’s D.J.’s Heroes. These teens have faced homelessness, health problems, neglect and abuse. One lived in 27 foster homes; two coped with losing their sight. But all have excelled despite adversities. The $5,000 scholarships each teen received will enable some to be the first in their families to attend college.

Additionally, an adult is honored as a hero for youth work. Dr. Lee Simmons, director of Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo for nearly 40 years, was saluted for creating educational nature programs.

Additional scholarship funding was provided by David and Peggy Sokol [the awards are named for their son, D.J.], who lost a valiant battle with cancer at age 18; Mid-American Energy Holdings; Sid and Dawn Dinsdale [event co-chairs] and Suzanne Caruso.

Lolo Jones visits SA

by Arvid Huisman

International track star Lolo Jones paid a surprise visit to the Des Moines, Iowa, Citadel Corps summer day camp recently. She and an NBC television crew visited to help tell the story of how her family lived at the corps during a time of homelessness when she was a child. Lolo was active in the corps’ children’s ministries during her childhood.

After playing a game of dodge ball with the day camp children, Lolo encouraged them to reach for their goals.

The NBC crew captured video of Lolo Jones and the day campers in preparation for coverage of Lolo prior to the 2012 Summer Olympic Games. The footage is expected to be broadcast in August 2012 and may be shown on NBC’s “Today Show” sooner.

Jones, an Olympic hurdler from Des Moines, is a two-time world indoor champion. She won her second outdoor national title in the 100-meter hurdles at the USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Des Moines in June with a time of 12.69 seconds.
Adult rehabilitation centers are places of physical and spiritual transformation. Seeking help to beat addictions, those who turn to us often learn new skills but they also discover hope and a community of faith that embraces them. Some even find their calling as officers.

Changing lives in Beer Town

In a city renowned for its breweries, beer gardens and Oktoberfests—where even its National League baseball team is called the Brewers and plays in Miller Stadium—the Milwaukee, Wis., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) is an oasis for those dealing with substance abuse. And, now it’s become a fount of new soldiers for The Salvation Army.

Captain Jerry Henderson, associate administrator with wife Loreen, said the center’s role as a community worship center is a fairly new approach for them.

“In the past, we’d bridge program graduates into local corps or churches, which is vital to the transition process for continued abstinence,” Jerry said. “We realized staying within the recovery community and using the ARC as church home was more effective. Comfort levels for attendees are much higher, enabling beneficiaries and their families to be more vocal and forthcoming when testifying about what God has done in their lives. Program graduates often felt embarrassed or constrained in their speech in corps or churches. This freedom also provides greater encouragement to those in the midst of the rehabilitation process.”

The other benefit Jerry has noticed is that staying within the ARC as a church home provides the men with a higher sense of self-worth and identity. Again, this is vital to abstinent living because most substance abusers have lost who they are, Jerry continued. Current beneficiaries are allowed to become adherents and wear the distinctive red suit jackets. Program graduates with a year of demonstrable sobriety are eligible to become soldiers.

“Beneficiaries are naturally curious and interested in learning about The Salvation Army. What they learn usually leads to adherence. And, if their commitment grows, next comes soldiership,” said Jerry, adding that the families who regularly attend the ARC worship services are making similar commitments.

“In the future we plan on offering the full scope of corps programming, from children’s character-building activities on up, as we pursue a more family-oriented direction. Each new enrollment affects people; after our latest, four adherents signed up for our soldiers’ class!” Jerry concluded.

Waist deep in the river

A n alcoholic and drug addict, Timothy Best walked up the steps to the Pontiac, Mich., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) on May 1, 1988. He was introduced to the life-changing power of Jesus Christ, found recovery and after graduating met his wife, Beverly.

“The Lord spoke to me through the story of Joel, how God promised to restore what the locusts had eaten,” said Tim. “God’s Spirit was telling me to do something for the folks who helped me when no one else would.”

On June 1, 1992, Tim and Beverly were commissioned as part of the ‘Followers of Jesus’ session.

As officers the Bests have served in a variety of appointments from small corps to harbor light centers. But now, they are back where Tim’s journey began, an ARC. At the South Bend, Ind., ARC, men come into the program from throughout the region, and the spiritual transformations that many of them undergo never cease to amaze.

For instance, take John, a current beneficiary who hadn’t spoken to his mother for 22 years. Through a renewed mind, John forgave his mother and wrote her a letter. She replied with a very encouraging note. Healing has begun in their relationship.

Centry is a thriving graduate of the South Bend program. His uncle introduced him to the program after completing it himself. Through it Centry recognized that he needed to take his faith more seriously and submit everything to God.

“There is a marked difference between him now and when he started,” said Tim.

Beneficiary Aaron realized he needed renewal in his faith when he visited a nursing home at Christmas. He graduated from the program and now desires to give back. He’s currently enrolled in soldiership classes.

Seeing men come through the program and find the Lord encourages the Bests daily.

“In the ARC ministry, we are on the very frontlines of spiritual battle,” said Tim. “We are waist deep in the river pulling people out. There’s great reward in that.”
Over the last two years 21 soldiers have been enrolled at the Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC), which serves the Detroit and Pontiac metropolitan areas.

Envoy Merle Miller, ARC administrator with his wife, Cheryl, said, "I often mention in our Sunday morning chapel services that we are a church in recovery from sin. We’ve drawn soldiers into the Lord’s service here from a variety of backgrounds. We have some soldiers who’ve come to us through the rehabilitation program, others who’ve come through being employees here and some soldiers from our Sunday worship service congregation."

Merle reports the ARC strives to actively involve its soldiers in Sunday worship services through various responsibilities, as well as getting them involved in other activities throughout the year where they can wear their uniforms and visually represent they’re soldiers for Christ.

“I believe it’s one of the best recruitment tools that can be utilized,” said Merle. He added that congregation members draw many from the outside to come worship with them.

“Our Sunday morning services average more than 600 people in attendance each week,” said Merle.

This kind of response gives them great opportunities for discipleship every week by the ARC’s director of spiritual development, who conducts the discipleship classes.

"After this last enrollment, we already had four potential new soldiers for Christ. We look forward to them joining the team!” concluded Merle.

Discipleship classes are key to soldiership growth at the Southwest, Mich., ARC.

When men come into the Gary, Ind., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) they have a sense they’ve come to the right place," said Envoy Steve McNary, then-Gary ARC administrator. "Our job from day one is to give every man the proper opportunity to turn his life around. The key to that is love."

In 2009 the ARC graduated 55 men and enrolled five as soldiers.

something that sets the Gary ARC is the work therapy garden. The men have embraced the garden, particularly this summer, erecting fences, digging a water filtration system and maintaining it constantly.

“This helps the guys feel a part of their recovery," said Steve. “They’ve got to feel a part of it every day in order to succeed.”

Take Vincent Banks who came to the program broken, leaving behind a girlfriend and their two children. Once in the program he applied Christ’s love and recognized his need for daily guidance. Today Vincent is a soldier and attends worship at the ARC with his wife and their children.

Vernon Hill came through the program a second time with determination.

focused his energy on listening and applying what he learned. Today not only is Vernon a soldier, but he drives a bus for the ARC, serves as a chaplain and is happily married to a woman he met through the Army.

Envoy Steve and Pam McNary have a heart for this ministry. Steve, a former beneficiary himself, feels his work is a blessing from the Army and God.

"I’m just so honored to be a part of this, God’s ministry," he said.

The McNarya are now stationed at the Indianapolis, Ind., ARC.

Life-changing love

Pictured are the three latest soldiers enrolled this spring at the Southeast Michigan ARC: Anthony Ellis, Joseph Jones and Keith Lockhart.

The Gary, Ind., ARC’s most recent soldier enrollment.
invited him to a church event. Karl went and gave his heart to the Lord. He came to The Salvation Army as an employee at the Harbor Light. There he watched officers give of themselves every day and began to investigate officership. In the past year Karl has worked in the Ministry Discovery Program at the Warren Corps and has realized that God wants him to be an officer. When accepted, Karl’s corps officers were Captains Caleb and Stephanie Senn.

Kirsten Abo  
Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps Metropolitan Division

As an officers’ child, Kirsten has grown up in the Army. Having been blessed to serve on several summer mission teams, she is leading the team to South Africa this summer. She heard the call to officership at the 2005 commissioning. At the time Kirsten wasn’t sure she understood what God was asking her to do, so she sought the counsel of friends, officers, cadets and family and realized God wanted her to be an officer. She says she can do it “only with God’s help.” Her corps officers are Majors Steve and Morag Yoder.

Karissa Loos  
Grand Island, Neb., Corps Western Division

Karissa gave her heart to the Lord at camp. Later her call to officership came while sitting in her dorm room at college. It was confirmed again at a youth councils in 2009 in the Western Division. She enjoys music and has used it to enhance her ministry. She has helped in youth group, women’s ministries, and the thrift store and is looking forward to what God will do through her in ministry as an officer. Karissa attends the Grand Island, Neb., Corps. Her corps officers are Captains Dave and Marcie Mowers.
Rally Day is almost there!
The Salvation Army Chicago Mayfair Community Church
5020 N. Pulaski Road
Chicago, Illinois
Friday, September 10, 2010 7:30 pm
Message by Lt. Colonel Jeffrey Smith
Secretary for Personnel
Led by Commissioner Paul R. Seiler
Territorial Commander
Music by Chicago Staff Band

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**Call to Prayer for Peace**
Sunday, September 19, 2010

“They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more” Micah 4:3 (NIV).

Once again The Salvation Army is calling its people to pray for peace. The nation of Papua New Guinea has set an example in some of its towns and villages. People have exchanged their weapons for Bibles, with the encouragement of The Salvation Army.

**Call to Prayer for Victims of Sex Trade Trafficking**
Sunday September 26, 2010

“You drive the women of my people from their pleasant homes. You take away my blessing from their children forever” Micah 2:9 (NIV).

Sex trade trafficking is a gross offense upon the earth. Use this weekend to raise awareness, raise your voice and raise funds against this outrage.

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Go to [www.prayercentralusa.org](http://www.prayercentralusa.org) for prayer updates.

If you follow the prayer calendar in the next year, you will have read through the Bible!

* = Adult Rehabilitation Center
PM = Partners in Mission
A new national emergency disaster services (EDS) website has been launched (www.disaster.salvationarmy.us). Originally created by the Eastern Territory, the site includes information about the Army’s EDS program in all four territories, donation information, National Disaster Training Program course descriptions, training calendars and access to create or view online volunteer profiles. New enhancements can be found almost weekly.

“This new site is a critical source for disaster related information and will promote better coordination across the nation,” said Kevin Ellers, Central territorial disaster services coordinator.

The website is also home to Salvation Army Disaster Radio, a biweekly audio podcast covering Salvation Army disaster services and stories from around the world. Host Jeff Jelletts and Christie Sutton agree it’s amazing what you can find out by interviewing people. For example, they learned how a young couple emigrating from Great Britain to Halifax more than 60 years ago opened the door for the Salvation Army to serve refreshments at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver! Most recently they hosted field reports following the Haiti and Chilean earthquakes and record flooding in

The Salvation Army was glad to be standing relationship with local and state agencies for its coordinated, rapid response to disasters. This relationship has continued to grow due to its communications and identification of service areas, along with the Army’s ability to strengthen and intensify its high-level training of volunteers.

This joint exercise assessed proper actions and roles in an integrated response to disasters and acts of terrorism. Among the critical areas evaluated were mass care, medical response, communications, citizen protection, critical resource logistics and distribution, emergency public information and warning, emergency operation center management and tactical response.

During the drills, Metropolitan divisional EDS further assessed its own rapid-response ability to the realistic scenarios at mock-disaster sites. To add to the realism, designated “victims,” “survivors” and emergency responders at these sites never dropped their assigned roles.

The interagency exercise helped identify responsibilities in planning and execution, along with the capabilities of communities in responding to acts of terrorism.

During the intensive week-long drills, the Metropolitan division provided more than 12,000 meals at 15 different sites, in addition to serving water, snacks and other beverages.

Throughout the week Salvation Army staff and volunteers took time to talk with the first responders, most of them away from family and a large number of them having served in the U.S. military in places like Afghanistan, Kuwait and Iraq.

The Salvation Army was glad to be doing its ongoing commitment of Doing the Most Good.”

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**Promoted to Glory**

Brigadier Dorothy Britton

Brigadier Dorothy Britton was promoted to Glory on June 14, 2010. She had lived a blessed 94 years. Born to Salvationists Albert and Elzie Britton, Dorothy attended a corps from childhood. It wasn’t until age 19, however, that she accepted Christ. Shortly thereafter she felt the call to officiership.

Commissioned in 1937 Dorothy started her officiership serving at corps in the Eastern Michigan Division (EMI) after which she was appointed to corps in Iowa and then Midland Divisional headquarters.

A hard worker, Dorothy earned an associate of arts degree in account ing from Walsh Institute of Accountancy in Detroit. She then served as EMI’s divisional financial secretary and retired as the cashier and bookkeeper for the Detroit Men’s Social Service Center in 1976. Dorothy is remembered for her dedication and desire to win souls to the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Donald and Harold. She is survived by her sister, Margaret Sheffield, many nephews and nieces, one of whom, Linda Britton, cared for Dorothy for the last seven years.