

**Dorothy Downes**



November 11, 2004 Dorothy Downes, 98, of Onondaga Hill, passed away at Community General Hospital on November 11 after a short illness. A native of Syracuse and member of a large, longtime Syracuse family, she had resided in Onondaga Hill for over 50 years where she was a communicant of St. Michael's Church.

Dorothy was a graduate of Syracuse University Hospital of the Good Shepherd School of Nursing and became a school nurse teacher in the Syracuse City School District. She served in many of the city schools, including Nottingham High and Roosevelt Jr. High School during her 40-year career. Earlier this year she was recognized by Syracuse University on the 75th anniversary of her graduation. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, John and Virginia Will Downs of Onondaga Hill; and well more than 100 nieces, nephews and their spouses and 3rd and 4th generation family members, all of whom took great pleasure in her company and have revered and admired her for her effervescent spirit, her generosity and her tender concern for their welfare. Services Saturday 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Church, Onondaga Hill. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, DeWitt. There will be no calling hours. Contributions to Humane Assoc. of CNY, P.O. Box 38, Liverpool, NY 13088, or St. Michael's Church, 4782 W. Seneca Tpk., Syracuse, NY 13215. Arrangements by Butler-Badman Funeral Home Inc., Onondaga Hill. Published in the Syracuse Post Standard on 11/12/2004.

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**SPORTSMAN'S CORNER**  
*by Rod Hunter*

How would you like to catch four bass in a row so big you had to quit because you were afraid the stringer would break? Miss Dorothy Downes, a retired Syracuse school nurse, did just that on Lake Constan, near Renfrew in Ontario, Canada.



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Dorothy's four bigmouth added up to close to 18 pounds with two of them both going exactly 5 pounds, 11 ounces. She was casting live frogs into the grass beds of Lake Constan.

Her brother, Ted Downes, Sr., rowed the boat and a grand nephew, 13-year-old Johnny Downes, both Syracusans, held the net. Dorothy, however, handled all the fishing details herself and that includes putting the frogs on the hook.