



Ruth L. Harris

December 25, 1916 - June 5, 2015

Ruth L. Harris, age 98, of Huntington, died at 4:15 p.m. Friday (June 5, 2015) at her home.

Ruth was born on December 25, 1916 in Piper City, Illinois, the daughter of William Lawrence and Effie (Rebholz) Lawrence. She was a 1935 graduate of Washington Center High School and received her B.S. in Education from Indiana State University in Terre Haute. She went on to earn a Master's degree in Education from Ball State University. Ruth married Max Harris on January 28, 1945 in Peru, Indiana; he preceded her in death on December 23, 2010. She retired in 1977 after 29 ½ years as an elementary teacher with the Huntington Community School Corporation. During her career, she also taught in Whitley County and Franklin, Indiana. Ruth held memberships in both the Retired Teachers Association of Indiana and the Retired Teachers Association of Huntington County. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Huntington for over 70 years, where she also served as a deaconess. Ruth was a member of the Salvation Army Auxiliary, where she served as Past-President and Membership Chairman. She was a member of Ladies' Night Club of Huntington, and she loved reading and bird watching. She especially enjoyed following her grandkids' and great grandkids' activities, as she was able.

Survivors include a son - Kenneth Max (Bev) Harris of Huntington; two

daughters - Kay Lorraine Harris of Cochise, Arizona and Dianne (Mark) McElhaney of Benson, Arizona; eight grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Max, and two sisters - Bernice Blake and Pauline Egnew.

A memorial service will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at First Presbyterian Church, 50 East Tipton Street, Huntington, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church in Huntington, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 9. 4:30 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
50 East Tipton St.
Huntington, IN 46750

Tribute Wall

AM

“ Kay: I so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Praying for comfort for you and your family. Annie McClain-Overholser

annie McClain-Overholser - June 12, 2015 at 02:23 PM

NM

“ I have such fond memories of my former neighbors, Max and Ruth Harris. What lovely, kind people. Back in the 70's when snow was deep in Indiana, my sons would use our snow blower to clear the Harris lane when it got too deep for Max. Ruth would bring a shoebox full of her chocolate chips cookies as her way of saying thank you to Travis & Jason. It was the best gift for their efforts that they ever received. She lived a long, wonderful life. My condolences to all of her loved ones. She was a treasure!
Nancy Mickley

Nancy Mickley - June 11, 2015 at 04:04 PM

SM

“ Kay and family, so sorry to hear of your Mothers passing. Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family at this time! Sharon (Cox) McCoart

Sharon McCoart - June 08, 2015 at 07:53 PM

LC

So many good memories of our neighbors, Ruth and Max. On one winter night a few years ago, after Max had passed we lost our power on a very cold frigid night. Ruth came and stayed in our home that night. Ruth and I sat bundled up next to the fireplace. For hours, Ruth shared endless stories of her childhood and her love for Max and her family. I've always felt it was such an honor to share her special memories. May God comfort your broken hearts. Lori and Tom Clounie

Lori Clounie - June 19, 2015 at 06:25 PM

SH

“ *Susan Hiple lit a candle in memory of Ruth L. Harris*



Susan Hiple - June 08, 2015 at 02:49 PM

SH

I just got to know Ruth when I started staying with her in August of 2014. She was a special lady, always so kind and everything you did for her she made sure she said thank you and sometimes she would even ask "did I tell you thank you". It was a pleasure taking care of her and getting to know her and her family. My sympathy to Bev and Ken and all of their daughters and their families. Love, Susan Hiple

Susan Hiple - June 08, 2015 at 02:56 PM

CB

“ *Kenny, Kay, and Dianne, Our condolences to all of you for the loss of your mother. We have known you since we were all little children living on the same farm in Clear Creek Township. Both of your parents have had long, long, productive lives. We are also speaking for Mary Margaret Bradburn who knew them well. Take care!
Charles and Roma Jean (Swindler) Bradburn*

Charles and Roma Jean Bradburn - June 08, 2015 at 08:49 AM

CS

“ I got to know Max and Ruth about 25 years ago, when in their late 70's were full of energy and excitement, while crewing for a hot air balloon! YES, they were part of the Polar Seal hot air balloon team. What a wonderful couple. Their kind and gentle attitude, lives on in the kids, grandkids, and great grandchildren. May the family be blessed with peace and comfort in this time of sorrow!

Chris

Chirs Smart - June 08, 2015 at 07:00 AM

BM

“ So thankful to have had Mrs. Harris as my 2nd grade teacher at Andrews! Also, was blessed to get to know Ruth in my adult life when I worked for the Salvation Army and would run into her and Max around town. She was always with a smile! May God bring each of her family comfort during this time of loss and may wonderful memories of time shared flow over your heart when you need it most. She's celebrating life in heaven now. Beth McCullough

Beth McCullough - June 08, 2015 at 05:16 AM

CF

“ Kay, I am sorry to hear of your Mother,s passing.
sending Prayers and wishing you and your family comfort in the days to come with special Memories of your Mother Carol (Sandlin) Falk



Carol Falk - June 07, 2015 at 07:34 PM

LD

“ *Our deepest sympathies in the loss of your mother. Both Max and Ruth were always so good to us. Danny and Lonna*

lonna dickey - June 07, 2015 at 01:30 PM