



Nellie Myrtle Smith

September 4, 1907 - November 3, 2009

Nellie M. Smith, age 102, passed away Tuesday, November 3, 2009, at the Jasper County Hospital. She moved to Rensselaer in 1994 after living in Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Newark, NJ.

She was the sixth and last child born to her parents, Scott V. and Laura E. Smith of Salem, Indiana. There were four brothers-Walker, Lawrence, Clarence and Vincent, and one sister, Bertha Ellen all of whom have predeceased her.

Nellie Myrtle had the good fortune to have been born of Christian parents who instilled in each of the children the importance of true Christian values, morals, honesty, fair play, love of God, country and our fellow man. Every day was begun with a great story from the Bible; and then prayer for God's blessing upon whatever was their lot to do that day. Bedtime was preceded by Bible reading and prayer. The prayer was usually ended by her father with the request that the family circle might be unbroken around the great white throne.

Nellie Myrtle graduated from grade school in 1922. In order to go on to high school at that time, pupils had to take an 8-hour examination on all subjects, which was administered at another school by unfamiliar teachers. Although her family was poor, she was determined to further her education.

After receiving her grade school diploma, she received her high school diploma by working her way through Salem (Indiana) High School. Through a loan from the Tri-Kappa sorority, she was able to attend Bowling Green (Kentucky) Business College for two years; after which she took a teaching

position in New York and Newark, New Jersey, where she taught during the day and at night and Saturdays finished her Bachelor of Science degree from New York University. She went on to obtain her Master of Arts degree. Nellie Myrtle retired from teaching in 1967.

Survivors include a niece, Mary E. DeVelde of Rensselaer, two nephews and two nieces and several great nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer

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Tribute Wall



“ *MARY; THIS ONES FOR YOU:*

*MY THE BESTOW LORD HIS BELLSING UPON YOU NOW AND
EVER DAY ...LOVE YA###imported-begin##CATHY & MIKE
JANCEK###imported-end##*

November 07, 2009 at 09:49 AM



“ *Dear Mary,*

*We are sorry to hear of Nellie's death. She had certainly
accomplished a lot in her lifetime!*

I shall miss seeing the two of you in Alternacare now.

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“ *I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE TWO OF US WALKING
AROUND THE BLOCK... STILL THE SHORTEST OF WALK'S WE
TOOK... THE FLOWERS WE PLANTED OUTSIDE YOUR ROOM'S
WINDOW--- I WAS PLEASED THAT THEY BLOOMED JUST FOR
YOU. THE DAY YOU ANSWERED THE PHONE TO FIND ME
TRYING TO SING "ZAKEUS WAS A WEE LITTLE MAN CLIMBED
UP IN A SYCAMORE TREE FOR THE LORD HE WANTED TO
SEE...FOND MEMORIES... "I WILL TURN THEIR MOURNING
INTO JOY, I WILL COMFORT THEM, AND GIVE THEM
GLADNESS FOR SORROW." JEREMIAH 31:13###imported-
begin##CATHY JANCEK###imported-end##*

November 06, 2009 at 10:26 AM



“ Was so sorry to hear of the passing of your Aunt. I had met her a few years back and she was a sweet lady. You have lots of memory's and that is what keeps them with you. May she rest in peace!

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