



## Betty L. (Mathis) Carmichael

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Betty Lou (Mathis) Carmichael, 87, of Bloomington died peacefully at her home on Tuesday surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Brown County, IN to Harry and Ethel (Pogue) Mathis. She graduated from Brown County High School and moved to Bloomington in 1945 to pursue a career in cosmetology. In Bloomington, she soon met her future husband Wayne Carmichael and they were married at the First Christian Church on Kirkwood Ave on June 28, 1947.

Betty continued working as a hairdresser until her daughters, Sharon and Karen, were born. She stayed at home to care for her daughters for several years and returned to work in a new career at the Indiana University Main Library in the catalog department, where she worked until her retirement in June of 1985.

In her retirement, Betty enjoyed her hobbies of sewing, crocheting, reading and being Mamaw for her grandchildren

and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Wayne Carmichael; brothers Russell Mathis, Charles William Mathis; sister Dorothea (Mathis) Johnson, and brother-in-law Lewis Johnson.

She is survived by daughters Sharon (David) Hobson of Unionville and Karen (Lee) Kirk of Ellettsville; grandchildren Jason (Robin) Hobson of Bloomington, Jennifer (Omar) Habache of Versailles, France and Kevin Sater of Bloomington. Also surviving are great grandchildren Ben and Lyda Hobson and Natasha and Parker Habache, as well as sisters-in-law Juanita Mathis of Indianapolis and Martha Mathis of Beaufort, SC.

The family will receive friends on Saturday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Allen Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 7:00 p.m. Internment will be 1:00 p.m. Monday at Valhalla Memorial Gardens.

The family would like to thank the staff at Southern Care Hospice for their compassion and care. Memorial contributions may be made to Southern Care Hospice in care of Allen Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Betty was my supervisor when as a student at Indiana University I worked part-time in the Catalog Department at the IU Library. She was an amazing supervisor of some full time and many student employees. She was also a teacher - by example as she worked and taught as she patiently supervised! I was so fortunate to have known her ... she and her assistant made my wedding dress! Otherwise, I would not have had one. It was lovely! I will always remember her smile and her generous spirit. She reinforced a strong work ethic and genuinely cared about her 'students'. My sincere condolences to her family.

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