



Betty W. Deckard

April 29, 1931 - June 15, 2011

Betty W. Deckard, 80, of Bloomington passed away on Wednesday, June 15th at I.U. Health-Bloomington Hospital in the presence of her loving family. She was born in Pinhook, Indiana the daughter of Lovell and Lillie (Winegar) Sowders and attended Shawswick High School. She was a retired employee of Cook, Inc. and previously worked for Sarkes Tarzian Corp., RCA of Bloomington and Bloomington Plastics. She was the first female school bus driver for the Monroe County School Corporation.

The true loves of Betty's life were her church and her family. She loved to sing, served as choir leader and often as a greeter at the Sanders Pentecostal Church where she was a longtime member. Her family, her husband, her children, her grandchildren and her great grandchildren were precious to her.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Becky Deckard of Springville, three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and

Roger Vaught of Bloomington, Karen Hale of Phoenix, AZ and Joy and Steve King of Bloomington, ten grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren, three sisters and brothers-in-law, Shirley and Jim Ray, Carol and Don Andis and Kay and Randy King, all of Bedford and one brother and sister-in-law, Lovell "Jr." and Penny Sowders, also of Bedford; her step-mother, Jane Sowders, half sister, Christy Sowders and step-sister, Trudy Holtzclaw, all of Indianapolis and one sister-in-law, Donna Sowders of Bedford.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ancil Deckard in 1994 and one brother, Danny Sowders.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday at Sanders Pentecostal Church with Rev. Joe Nelson officiating. Burial will be at Clover Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old St. Rd. 37 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. Friday and at the church on Saturday one hour preceding the services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sanders Pentecostal Church Building Fund in care of Allen Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org

Tribute Wall

SA

“ *I Can Almost See The Lights Of That City, I See Them Gathering Around That Great White Throne.....Sis. Betty Deckard Can Now See The Lights Of Her New Home! RIP....See You Soon*

Sandy Robertson - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

JB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. We are terribly sorry to hear of your lose. Your family holds a special place in our hearts. Sending all our love.*

Jesse and Becca Prince - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

MA

“ *Linda, I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless*

Marilyn Duncan - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

KE

“ *Aunt Betty was my first bus driver, she was a special lady. We all had good times on the hill, Betty will be missed, My thoughts go out to Linda, Wayne, Karen, and Joy Bless you guys*

Kevin Bailey - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

DD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers and with the family of Mrs. Deckard. We have lived next door to your mom for years. We will miss seeing her our taking care of her yard. We are going the miss her smiling face and big wave.*

Dan and Dawn Abbitt

Dan and Dawn Abbitt - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

MD

“ Aunt Betty will be missed by so many people. She was such a special lady and I remember all of the good times we had when I was growing up and hanging around. Wayne, Linda, Karen and Joy you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Even though we know we cannot hold onto those we love forever we can hold onto the memories of those we love. May God hold you and provide the comfort you need.

Melanie Deckard - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM