



Emily O. Thomas

March 9, 1914 - November 26, 2015

Emily O. (Ockenfels) Thomas, 101, of Evansville, passed away on November 26, 2015 at Heritage Center Health Center. Emily born in Staten Island, New York was the daughter of Frank W. Ockenfels and Emily (Verner) Gray.

Emily graduated from Cornell University in 1934 and was a member of Pi Beta Phi. She worked in market research in New York. She was married to Harley H. Thomas, Jr. in 1937, and relocated to Lesterville, Missouri. Later they moved to Doniphan, Missouri, where they were co-owners of The Freezer, cold-storage and meat processing business. She and her husband later settled in Bloomington, Indiana, where Harley was the forester at Crane Naval Depot.

Emily was a member of United Methodist Church in Bloomington and spent the majority of her time volunteering with Opportunity House and American Red Cross. She was active with United Methodist Women. She enjoyed international travel.

She is survived by her sons; Harley (Carol) Thomas III of Missouri and Bill (Lee) Thomas of Evansville; grandchildren, Harley Thomas IV of Wisconsin, Jason Thomas of California, Melanie Sims of

Bloomington, and Sheila Addison of California; and brother, Frank Ockenfels of Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions in Emily's memory may be made to United Methodist Church in Bloomington, Indiana or Old North United Methodist Church in Evansville, Indiana. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, have been entrusted with arrangements. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Emily's family at www.allenfuneralhome.org

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“ *Your mother and grandmother was such a bright spot in our church. She always had a ready smile and a kindly word and was first to volunteer for church work. I miss her but am glad to know she graced the earth for 101 years. Ann Armstrong*

Ann Armstrong - January 07, 2016 at 12:21 PM

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“ *What a lovely and beautiful woman. She was an inspiration to all of her younger classmates in step aerobics class 10 years ago.*

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