



Freeda B. Stewart

December 14, 1910 - April 27, 2013

Freeda B. Stewart, age 102, of Ellettsville, passed away Saturday morning April 27, 2013 at Bell Trace Health and Living Center. She was born in Lawrence County, Indiana to Remus and Lida Stewart Blackwell December 14, 1910, the third of five children.

After graduating from Bedford High School in 1928, Freeda married Clarence Stewart, a public school educator. They met as members of the Guthrie Christian Church, which is located in Southern Monroe County. They built a marriage/partnership of 62 years from their spiritual beginning.

Freeda and Clarence moved their family to Ellettsville in 1935 when Clarence joined the faculty of Ellettsville High School.

As an active and devout member of the Ellettsville United Methodist Church, Freeda served as Sunday school teacher, church historian, membership preparatory leader, and officer for the Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service. She was a longtime member of the Ellettsville chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and past worthy matron.

Freeda was always a willing volunteer and generously contributed her time and energy to the PTA, Richland Bean Blossom Family Store and elementary school reading program.

She was an active worker in the Monroe County Fall Festival, including chairman of the quilt show.

Freeda's professional life included sales clerk at J.C. Penny's in Bloomington, deputy to the Monroe County Clerk and executive secretary to the Indiana University Alumni Office until her retirement in 1975.

Early in their married life, during the Great Depression of the 1930's, Freeda provided additional income by raising and selling bushel baskets of pole beans and nurturing chickens that provided dozens of fresh eggs for the local grocery store.

Freeda and Clarence were parents to three sons, Glen, Wallace, and Paul.

In 1947 the family expanded to seven when Freeda and Clarence provided a home for their niece and nephew, Barbara Blackwell Deckard and Garreth Blackwell, after both of their parents had passed away.

Along with the responsibilities of parenting and the demands of her professional career, Freeda also found time to be a skilled cook, successful flower and vegetable gardener and supportive wife with their cattle business.

She was famous for her pecan pie, persimmon pudding, yeast rolls, angel food cake, seasoned green beans, fried chicken and meat loaf.

When Freeda became a centenarian her family gave thanks for the accomplishments of her life and for the gift of her longevity.

Freeda is survived by her son Wallace Stewart and his wife Frances Sue (Morris) of Bloomington; son Paul Stewart and his wife Barbara Ann (Lasota) of Greensboro, North Carolina; seven grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren; niece Barbara Blackwell Deckard of Brownstown; nephew Garreth Blackwell of Ellettsville, and brother-in-law, Carl Stewart of Bloomington.

Freeda was preceded in death by her parents, her son Glen Stewart,

in 1987, husband Clarence in 1990, sisters Avis Prince, Eva Grace Hillenberg, and Alea Younger, and a brother Elmer Blackwell.

Funeral services for Freeda will be held Tuesday April 30, 2013 at 11:00AM in the Ellettsville First United Methodist Church. She will be laid to rest next to Clarence in the Presbyterian Cemetery in Ellettsville. Visitation will be held Monday April 29, 2013 at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 South Old Highway 37 from 4:00PM until 8:00PM.

Freeda's family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the wonderful and caring staff of Bell Trace Health and Living Center for their loving and professional care of their mother. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

KU

“ I am so sorry to hear about Freeda. I remember her well from the time when I served as chaplain at the Health and Living side of Bell Trace. My prayers go out to all of you.

Kurt Messick - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

PE

“ So sorry to hear of Great Aunt Freeda's passing. Prayers going up for her sons & their families.

Sincerely,
Penny (Avis Blackwell Prince's grand-daughter)

Penny Prince - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

JA

“ I'm so sorry to hear about your mother. She was an amazing lady. I've known her my whole life. As a kid I enjoyed visiting her and your grandmother (love to Niagria Falls lamp). When I was 5 we moved. After we moved my parents decided that we could have a kitten. We had your dad catch one from the chicken coop. I remember that it was so wild it bite him and I think he had to have stitches. He put the cat in the milk box from your back porch. It took us kids weeks to get the cat to come to us but finally it did and became a great pet. When I was in my twenty's I rented the house from mom and dad and got to know your mother again. She was just wonderful. She never stopped. I always will have fond memories of her. What a special lady. Jane Kururzovich

Jane Kururzovich - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

ED

“ Although I did not know Freeda until a few months ago, I know she must have been extraordinary to inspire such devotion and care from Wally and Sue. I hope Freeda's long and active life will be a comfort to the entire Stewart family and everyone whose heart she touched.

Edna Pressler - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

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“ We are sorry to learn of Freeda's death. She was one fine lady and such a joy to be around. I moved to California after Grant passed away on January 19, 1995, to be near our daughter and family and therefore, unable to be present for her funeral. So sorry.

Joan Moore

Stephanie Smith, Jeff Moore and Families

Mrs. J. Grant Moore (Joan) Moore - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM