



Hanna Jane Thrasher

September 21, 1921 - December 11, 2009

Hannah Jane Thrasher, 88, passed away peacefully at The Golden Livingcenter in Bloomington, Indiana on December 11, 2009. Jane was born on September 21, 1921 and was one of five children of A. Fred and Ora G. (Pryor) Thrasher.

Jane was a partner in the Thrasher Hardware Company and worked actively in the store along with her mother, brothers Irvin and F. Wilson Thrasher and one of her sisters, Wilma Etnier, until the store closed in 1966. She then worked at Indiana University's Lilly Library for several years and finished her career working for Dr. Dean Cofield. Jane graduated from Bloomington High School and was a member of the First United Church Bloomington.

Jane was an exceptionally enthusiastic supporter of Indiana University and Bloomington High School South athletic programs during her entire life. Her enthusiasm was particularly intense with respect to Indiana University Basketball, and Coach Knight. She was well known for her willingness to advise basketball officials from the sidelines regarding deficiencies in their performance during I.U. Basketball games.

Jane is survived by nieces Sarah Shideler (Tom) Hensley and Suzanne Thrasher and by nephews Jerry (Marilyn) Etnier and Tim (Beth) Thrasher. She is survived by 10 great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, A. Fred and Ora G. Thrasher, brothers Irvin P. and F. Wilson Thrasher, sisters Wilma Etnier and Martha Schideler, by niece Nancy (Etnier) Schrader and by one great nephew.

A private graveside family service will be conducted by Rev. Jack Skiles at Rose Hill Cemetery in Bloomington. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to First United Church Bloomington in care of the Allen Funeral Home in Bloomington. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

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“*Josiah Bennett was my husband's father and a dear friend of Jane's. I always remembered Jane at the holiday season and we enjoyed periodic phone calls and pleasantries over the years. After Josiah passed away we stayed in touch with Jane and enjoyed her warmth, good sense of humor and interesting conversations. She enjoyed the birds outside her window and we cherished good memories. Perhaps we didn't want to know the truth so I assumed her holiday gifts were being enjoyed without any communication with us. After a computer search we were saddened to read this obituary. To all the loved ones in her family ,we send warm condolences. Jane touched our hearts. Love, Nina and Holland Bennett*

Nina and Holland Bennett - March 22, 2013 at 08:21 AM

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“ Hello,

My name is Hannah Cobine, I am a recent graduate from Indiana University Bloomington. I am granddaughter of Al and Marian Cobine. I spoke with Jane several times on the telephone, first time being through the Indiana University Foundation Telefund (May 2007).

My job at the time was a fundraiser for the IU Foundation. I called Jane, told her my name, and she immediately asked me if I was any relation to Marian Cobine, who was a friend from years ago. Of course, I said yes, and we talked for an hour and a half about Bloomington, her time at the store, her nice young neighbors who had helped her carry out the trash, etc., politics, both of us being staunch Conservatives, it was a joy talking to her. I gave her my personal number, for if she ever needed anything.

One day she called asking if I would like a few conservative reading materials, that she had read through them, and wanted to pass them along to someone else she knew would enjoy them. I went to pick them up off her porch, and a few days later she called to make sure I received them.

Though my interaction with Jane was merely through phone calls, I learned a lot about her life, and how much she loved the Bloomington community. It was a pleasure speaking with her on those few occasions.

My thoughts are with your family at this time.

Sincerely,

Hannah Cobine

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