



## Ida L. McBain Stewart

July 18, 1922 - April 2, 2017

Ida L. McBain Stewart, 94, died on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at Bell Trace Health and Living in Bloomington. Indiana. She was born July 18, 1922 in Virden, Manitoba, Canada to Sydney Lyle and Tylee Josephine Benson McBain. Ida grew up in Virden and was a 1941 graduate of Virden Collegiate Institute. She married Levi Harold Stewart, a Texan, on January 9, 1942 in Virden and immediately left Canada to be a military wife while Harold served in the U.S. Navy. After World War II, they moved to Texas and she became a farm wife who had never before lived in the country. Later she was one of the first women agents for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, where she worked for 26 years.

Ida loved winter sports like cross-country skiing, ice skating and curling, and the outdoors in all its beauty. She enjoyed golf, playing bridge, and spending time with her family and friends. Ida was a member of First United Methodist Church in Bloomington and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her daughters; Tylee S. (David) Smith of McLean, VA; Nancy S. (Charles) Macklin of Bloomington; her son, Dick L. (Andrea) Stewart of Weir, TX; her grandchildren: Kyle Stewart, Stefanie Limerick, Jonathan Smith, Rebecca Smith, Caitlin Macklin, and Patrick Macklin; five great grandsons; her sister Marion (Ed) Manchul of Toronto, Canada; and six nieces

and nephews.

Ida was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her brother Robert M. McBain.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in McGregor, TX. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial contributions may be made in Ida's name to the charity of your choice.

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence for Ida's family at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ I'll never forget Ida coming to visit us on Eagle Rd. She always brought us news of what was going on with Tylee, Nancy, Dick and their families. Oh, and she never came without shrimp and her shrimp cocktail sauce. That was something we only got to have in restaurants. She knew how to make us feel special :).  
Berta McEver Amos

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**Berta McEver Amos** - April 10, 2017 at 10:58 AM

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“ My thoughts are with you all.  
I miss Ida as a friend and as a writer.  
All of us of the Bell Trace Writers' Group miss her too. She was a delight to be with, a fine writer and with a lovely sense of humor.  
Some one like Ida comes rarely into one's life and I'm so grateful that she came into mine.

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**Antonia Matthew** - April 09, 2017 at 04:49 PM