



## Louise Lewis Goodman

July 1, 1914 - June 12, 2010

Louise Lewis Goodman, 95, longtime Monroe County Government official, died peacefully Saturday morning, June 12th at Meadowwood Health Pavilion with her loving family at her side. She was born on July 1, 1914 in Avoca, Indiana the daughter of Ervin and Nora (Nikirk) Lewis. Moving to Bloomington at a very early age, Louise grew up in the Fairview area of Bloomington where she made her home for over 85 years. She was one of the last living students of the original Fairview Elementary School and was a graduate of Bloomington High School.

Starting her working career early, she worked in the bookstore of BHS and also at Kresge's Five and Ten as preparation for her long career. She served two terms each as the Monroe County Auditor and Treasurer after serving eighteen years as deputy auditor and finally retired from public service in 1980. She also was active in the Monroe County Republican Party for many years having been a precinct committee person and at one time was the former president of the Young Republicans.

Besides her longtime career in government, Louise was staunchly dedicated to her family and her faith. Becoming widowed in 1935 following the death of her first husband, Harold "Bud" Parks, she maintained her allegiance to Fairview United Methodist Church. She subsequently married Gene B. Goodman, longtime principal at Arlington Elementary School on the near northwest side of Bloomington. She was a charter member of the Victory Class at Fairview United Methodist, a member of the church choir and served

on numerous committees, including the Kitchen committee. She also volunteered in several community organizations including the Opportunity House, the American Red Cross and as a member of the Business and Professional Women's Organization.

Survivors include one niece, Judy Gilmore of Bloomington, her great nieces and nephews; John Gilmore of Noblesville, Michael Lewis and Vicki Lewis, both of Ellettsville, Scott Lewis of Papua, New Guinea, Tina Webb of Spencer, Steven Lewis of Ellettsville, Mark Lewis of Washington, GA. and Genelle Lewis of Binghamton, Alabama as well as several great, great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Harold "Bud" Parks, her second husband, Gene B. Goodman in 1980, one son in infancy, Tommy Gene Goodman and one brother, Ralph Lewis and one nephew, Don Lewis, former Richland Township Trustee.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at Fairview United Methodist Church, 600 W. 6th St. in Bloomington. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old St. Rd. 37 on Monday from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and at the church on Tuesday one hour preceding the services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fairview United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org).

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are so saddened to learn of the Louise's passing. She was one of a kind - gentle in spirit, with a servant's heart. She was totally devoted to her nieces and nephews, to Fairview Church, and a friend to so many people.

*My mother, Dorothy McConnell (who is 3 years younger), worked with Louise at Natalie's Fruit Stand and Kresge's. As Chad Hayes mentioned, she was good friend to Jennie Sims. Louise and Jennie would go shopping and get their hair done on Thursdays. There was also senior nights at the Waffle House and we would meet Louise, Jennie, and friends for dinner.*

*We loved Louise and she will forever be in our hearts.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
John and Terri Belden  
Dorothy McConnell*

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**Terri Belden** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

EG

“ I am so saddened to hear that my dear friend and neighbor has died. Most of my fondest childhood memories involve "Aunt" Louise and "Uncle" Gene, "Grandma" Lewis, and Troubles, the dog. Watching her walk to work beside my 6'4" brother when he was in high school was always worth a chuckle. While pulling the weeds in the sidewalk cracks, or playing jacks together on the back carport, we could talk about anything. These friends were key influences in most areas of my life decisions. As an adult, every trip to Bloomington absolutely had to include a visit with Louise. Our children enjoyed her pretty home and came to understand how important people can become to us. The warmth of her love has always been a precious surety in my life. I know I am a better and stronger person because Louise was a part of my life. I will miss her.

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**Eva & Gary Preslan** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

CH

“ So Sorry to hear that Louise has passed away. I don't know any of the family, but Louise was a very good friend to my "adopted" grandmother, Jennie Sims, who lived just up the street from her. Louise did so much for Jennie when she was getting older that I could not do when I was not there and I am forever grateful. After Jennie passed away 6 years ago, I lost touch with Louise and I regret that. For the little time that I knew Louise, I learned that she was a wonderful woman with a heart of gold. I am honored to have called her my friend, and I am certain that she will be missed.--  
Sincerely, Chad Hayes & Family

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**Chad Hayes** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM