



Mildred Van Dolah Yoder

November 24, 1907 - March 27, 2012

MILDRED FAY VAN DOLAH YODER, 104

Mildred Fay Van Dolah Yoder, formerly of Cheney, KS passed away March 27, 2012 at Meadowood Retirement Community in Bloomington, IN. She was born November 24, 1907 at Belmont, KS, daughter of Richard Clinton Van Dolah and Clara Ella Austin. She was married to Elwood C. Yoder June 9, 1929 at Cheney, KS. She will be missed after a long life by her sons and their families, Neil Richard Yoder and his wife Elizabeth of Bloomington, IN, William Van Yoder and his wife Anita of Loomis, CA, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Millie is remembered as a teacher of piano and organ and choir director at Trinity United Christian Church in Cheney, KS. She grew up in Cheney and as an adult, she worked over 60 years helping in that community not only through her music but as a friend and mentor to young people in various stages of their lives. Service to others included the Cheney Emergency Fund, the Golden Age Home Auxiliary, the Cheney Bloodmobile, and Wesley Hospital in Wichita where she volunteered one day each

week. She established a scholarship at Cheney High for students going to college. She was a Life Member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a Life Member of the Wichita Area Piano Teachers League.

After her retirement to Bloomington in 1994, she became active in the Meadowood Singers and attended many musical programs at Indiana University. Millie was a member of The Friday Morning Musicale, and established a scholarship for organ students at Indiana University. She researched her family history and joined the Lydia Prescott Chapter, Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century and Bloomington Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. During her illness, she was supported by Dolores Spriggs, a friend in her final years, and she will be remembered for her positive spirit and love of music by her family, friends, her helper Diana Scroggins and the staff at Meadowood Comprehensive Care Unit.

Memorial services will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Bloomington and at the Church in Cheney. Interment will be at the Pioneer Cemetery in Cheney. Contributions in memory of Mildred Yoder may be given to Trinity Episcopal Church, 111 S. Grant Street, Bloomington, IN; or to the Indiana University Foundation, with Mildred Yoder Organ Scholarship written in the memo line, and mailed to the Jacobs School of Music Office of Development, 1201 E. Third Street, Bloomington, IN 47405.

Allen Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Friends can send condolences to www.allenfuneralhome.org

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“ Dear Family Yoder,
I want to extend my condolences for your loss in the passing of dearest Mildred. I met her three years ago when I purchased her beloved Yamaha Grand. It hurt her to part with it, but she could not take it into her new living area. But she was glad that I purchased it. I played for her and she said that she was glad a pianist/piano teacher would have her beloved piano. I promised I would take good care of it. On her 102nd birthday, I called and played "Happy Birthday" to her on her piano. She was glad to hear from me. I think of her so often. The memory of her will remain with me while I play her beautiful Yamaha and while I teach my students. She is at home with the Lord now.

All my heartfelt thoughts to you.
Marianne Ackerson

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