



Norma (Sims) Culbert

January 2, 1919 - February 11, 2013

Norma L. (Sims) Culbert, 94, of Bloomington died on Monday, Feb. 11, 2012 at I.U. Health Hospice House. She was born Jan. 2, 1919 in the little town of Whitehall, in Owen County the fifth daughter of seven children to Roy and Lula (Gross) Sims. She attended grade schools in both Owen and Monroe counties, graduated from Bloomington High School in 1936 and attended Indiana University. She was employed in various offices and spent 32 years as an office assistant for RCA of Bloomington, retiring in 1932.

She married Paul Culbert, a native of Pennsylvania, on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 1936. To this marriage were born two lovely daughters, Sherry Lynne and Vicki Rae. Norma and her husband lived in their home in Bloomington for a total of 44 years, then after Paul's death in 1988, she continued to live in this same home a total of 64 years, having moved there in 1944.

After retiring from RCA and after Paul's death in 1988, she felt the need to minister to other people through volunteering at various places, the two main ones being the Bloomington Hospital and the Opportunity House. She was a charter member of St.

Paul United Methodist Church, where she was organist for twenty years. She was also involved in their various Bible studies, their Leisure Timers Group and various other activities of the church.

Her survivors include her two daughters, Sherry Bland of Solsberry and Vicki Zike of Bloomington, two brothers and a sister-in-law, Wendell Sims and Devon and Margaret Sims, all of Bloomington, six grandchildren; Doug Bland, Dianna Hancock, Dirk Bland and wife Nicki, Kevin Zike and wife Trisha, Krystal Zike Prince and husband Joey, Kyle Zike and wife Amber, eleven great grandchildren; Ashley and Jordan Bland, Augustus, Savanna and Lilly Hancock, Colton Imhausen, Molly, Madison and Maggy Zike, Kenzie Prince and Alex Bland and one great, great granddaughter, Emery Bland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband to whom she was married 51 ½ years, four sisters; Mildred Dunbar, Mary Hackler, Dorothy Mann and Shirley Smith and two sons-in-law, Kenny Bland and Kenny Zike.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 4201 W. Third St. in Bloomington with Rev. Frank Van Allen officiating. Burial will be at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Friends may call at the church from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. on the day of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Allen Funeral Home of Bloomington is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Dear Sherry and Vickie and families, My heart aches at hearing of your mother's death. I know she is in heaven with your dad and my folks, they are probably have a sunday school class pitch-in, playing games, laughing and having a great time catching up. I loved listening to Norma play the organ in church and of course her brother Wendell leading the choir. Norma is now in a heavenly choir, flying with the angels. Sharon, Rick and Jan

Sharon Masters - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

JG

“ enjoyed knowing your mum she was quit spunkie. i know you will miss her.

jan gilliland - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

JK

“ Dear Sherry and Vicki,
I'm so very sorry for your loss. Your mother led a truly beautiful life.
I'll always remember her with great admiration.

Jane Dunlap Knight - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

CD

“ Dear Sherry and Vicki. We are so glad to have known and served your mom, Norma. We heard of her passing through the bible study leader Don Christy. I know she sat in on those studies and was an "inquiring" participant. I noticed her questions were always as a searcher of the scripture. We also enjoyed the times when I(Darlene) could convince her to play the piano while we managed there at Redbud. She will be missed there I am sure. Our sincere sympathy goes out to you and Norma's extended family.
Sincerely,
Carl and Darlene Hoffman

Carl & Darlene Hoffman - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

DC

“ Our thoughts and prayers go to you and your families at the passing of your mother. I remember seeing her many times at auctions and she always had a smile for everyone. She will be fondly remembered. Don and Sue Conder

Don and Sue Conder - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

DO

“ vicki sorry for your loss will be praying for you and your family

donald waldrip - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

RJ

“ Sherry and Vickie,
Sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a special lady and had a long and active life. She will be missed.

Bob and Jane Hackler

Robert and Jane Hackler - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM