



## Ruth Smith

June 30, 1918 - March 29, 2012

Ruth C. Smith, 93, of Bloomington, passed away Thursday at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on June 30, 1918 in Monroe County, IN, the daughter of John and Lena Frances (Rose) Conard. Ruth graduated from Bloomington High School. She retired after 17 years of service with Indiana University as a secretary and was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Ruth is survived by her husband Ross Smith; two daughters Joyce Anne Shanks and Sherry Simpson (Bill); three sisters Ethel Gorsuch, Gertrude Gwin and Betsy Turner; three grandchildren Jason Shanks (Allison), Ross Simpson and Sarah Allen (Jon); and two great-grandchildren Nikau and Kai Shanks. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters Alice Stevens, Helen Young and Frances Rogers, and one brother Glen Conard. A private family service was held at Valhalla Memory Gardens. A memorial service will be held at 1:30 pm Monday, April 23, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church, 219 E. 4th Street, Bloomington, IN.

# Tribute Wall

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“ How very sorry I am to hear of Ruth's death. I've known her since at least 1971 when I became director of the Conference Bureau. Until her retirement she was a major player in our staff, holding us together with remarkable skill and insight. She brought a high level of professionalism to her responsibilities and developed extraordinary relationships with the many conference groups held on the Bloomington campus. It was my good fortune to visit with her and Ross in their retirement and I left their good company feeling better about myself and the world. And as I departed I always came away with delicious treats from her kitchen. I am grateful for her friendship. She is missed by me and countless others whose lives she touched and influenced. I extend my condolences to Ross and her extended family. You all are in my prayers and thoughts.

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