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The daughter of the late Fred and Pearl Alda Smith, Violet was born in Lawrence County, Indiana, ninety years ago.

Her death occurred peacefully at home in Bloomington, Indiana, surrounded by her family. She is survived by her husband of 72 years, The Rev. Donald F. McMahan, a retired Methodist minister. Also living in Bloomington are her son, The Rev. Larry W. McMahan, her daughter, Susan E. Stein, and her granddaughter, Jessica Anne Stein. Violet is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Marvin York in Mitchell, Indiana, her sister-in-law, Ruth Evelyn Padgett, of Bedford, Indiana, and many nieces and nephews.

She was graduated from Mitchell High School in April, 1939. She also married her husband, Donald, in 1939, and worked in the Registrar's Office at Indiana University where he was a student. Violet was an integral and gracious part of her husband's pastorates in Greene and Monroe Counties, the Indiana

towns of Raub, Remington, Crawfordsville, and Plainfield, as well as his administrative ministries as the Superintendent for the Greencastle, Lebanon, and South Bend Districts of the Methodist Church, and as a director of two Methodist homes for the aged, Haven Hubbard in South Bend and Asbury Towers in Greencastle.

Violet and Donald enjoyed traveling in Europe, Australia and New Zealand, cruising among the Caribbean Islands, and exploring Alaska. She also loved gourmet cooking and welcoming people into her home. She was an avid reader. As a pianist she delighted in the performances of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. She also liked art, especially paintings by Georgia O'Keefe and other modern artists. At home she enjoyed her flower garden and playing bridge with friends.

In the 1990's Violet was a member of the Board of Directors of the Bloomington Hospital. As a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority in earlier years she participated in medical outreach programs. She also loved being a part of the local P.E.O. women's organization for the last twenty years.

Visitation will be at the Allen Funeral Home in Bloomington Tuesday, Nov. 22 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. A final visitation will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Bloomington beginning an hour before her funeral , 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Mark Fenstermacher, the Lead Pastor of the congregation, will officiate. The Rev. Charles T. Dupree, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Bloomington, will assist. Interment will follow at the Cresthaven Cemetery in Bedford, Indiana.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Bloomington or the First United Methodist Church in Bloomington. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

AN

“ Dear Mac,
How I loved the gentleness and kindness and ready smile Vi always brought to every situation. You were a lucky, lucky man to have such a wife. I know you know that.
My thoughts and prayers are with you.
With care,
Ann Armstrong, PEO

Ann Armstrong - October 26, 2015 at 04:21 PM

AN

“ Dear Don and Family,
I was on vacation last week and just learned of Violet's passing. She was a sweetheart (and so are YOU, Don). My prayers are with you.

Ann Arbuckle - October 26, 2015 at 04:21 PM

MA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I know what it is like to lose your Mother. Take care and God Bless.

Marquita Hamm - October 26, 2015 at 04:21 PM

PH

“ Dear Don, Susan, Jessica, Larry and others,
Elaine and I send our love and prayers your way. We we sad to learn of Violet's passing. Please know of our condolences,

Phil and Elaine Amerson

Philip Amerson - October 26, 2015 at 04:21 PM

LE

“ Don, I just learned today of the death of your wife, Violet Ruth. I am so glad I got to know you and her during the years you taught Methodist History, Doctrine, and Polity at CTS and the years you were my DS in the South Bend District. You are in my thoughts and prayers during your time of grief.

Leroy Wise

Leroy Wise - October 26, 2015 at 04:21 PM

NS

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Noell & Steve Mosca - October 26, 2015 at 04:21 PM

HA

“ While the latter years of your marriage were challenging, the McMahons represented what was good about marriage - a long and loving relationship with shared opportunities for service to others and personal relationships that were enjoyable to both of you. I am glad to have had the opportunity to share some of those experiences, though in a limited way. May our Creator give you solace as you relive your lives together, now in memory of Violet's role.

Harmon Baldwin - October 26, 2015 at 04:21 PM

NA

“ Susan and family,

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. All of you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Nancy Karazsia - October 26, 2015 at 04:21 PM