



Bonnie Joan Smith McClure

August 30, 1931 - February 1, 2025

Bonnie Joan Smith McClure, 93, died on February 1, 2025 following a bout of pneumonia. Bonnie was born in Evansville, Indiana on August 30, 1931, and grew up on the city's west side, where she attended Daniel Wertz Elementary, Reitz High School and Evansville College. She met her future husband, Karl, while they were young teenagers when his father, the Rev. M.B. McClure, served her family church, Howell Methodist. The two reconnected a couple of years later at Rivervale Church Camp. They were married for over 64 years, from 1952 until Karl's death in 2017. Bonnie and Karl moved several times following Karl's ministry in the Southern Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church and his work as a chaplain. Bonnie worked in various positions, including secretary and typesetter. Around their retirement, Bonnie and Karl moved to Franklin United Methodist Home (Otterbein), where Bonnie lived for over 30 years. There, she continued to enjoy reading, sewing, baking, and playing board games and cards with her grandchildren, whom she loved dearly. She also volunteered in the Wesley Center Library for more than 20 years.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, Loraine Conrad and Merrill M. Smith; her husband, Karl E. McClure; her brother, Keith Smith; and her daughter-in-law, Carolyn Sutter McClure. She is survived and will be deeply missed by her children and their spouses: Karl and Vicki McClure, Bloomfield, Indiana; Kirk McClure, Mesa, Arizona; Heather and Glenn Brown, Knoxville, Tennessee; and Jennifer and Walter Moberly, Durham, England. She is

survived by grandchildren, Sarah and Mike Bishop; Shannon and Steven Schaffer; J-P and Kate Moberly; and Rachel and Maitieu O'hAlin; as well as great-grandchildren, Peyton Schaffer and Grace Moberly.

A Memorial Service will be held on February 4, 2025 with visitation from 2:00 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. and the service at 3:00 p.m. at Wright Memorial Chapel, Otterbein Franklin, 1070 W. Jefferson Street, Franklin, Indiana.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Wright Memorial Chapel of the Franklin United Methodist Community
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Memorial Service

FEB 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

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