



## Donna Lou Van Huss

November 17, 1930 - October 4, 2008

Donna L. Van Huss, She was born in 1930 to Pauline and Kenneth Van Huss residing in Anderson, Indiana. One year later her beloved sister Joyce was born and they were extremely close throughout life. Later a brother William was born to Kenneth and Gwyneth Van Huss. In 1948 Donna graduated from Anderson High School. Later attended Indiana University completing her Bachelor Degree in Education in 1966 and Masters Degree in 1972. Prior to her teaching career, Donna was employed as an executive secretary in the Nursing Home Division of Indiana Department of Health. She taught first grade for 27 years in the Indianapolis Public Schools including schools #8, #56, and #112. She was an advocate of diversity in education, choosing to teach in the inner city public schools. She was one of the first teachers to use the innovative program called Open Court to teach children to read. Donna was a member of Wallace Street Presbyterian Church where she served as a Deaconess, and taught children's Sunday School classes for over 20 years. Visitation will be held Thursday, October 9 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. with funeral services Friday at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens in Rockville, IN. Donna is survived by her sister, Joyce Elmore and her husband Jerry; brother Bill Van Huss and his wife Susan; nieces, Abby (Jason) Smith, Lindsay Van Huss, Carolan (Justin) Tracey, Mindy Walters, Ava Smith, Charlene (Steve) Cornett; nephew, David (Tammy) Elmore; great-niece, Myretta Fitzsimmons; great-nephews, Rick Wagner, Ryan Elmore and Randy

Tender; and 7 great-great nieces and nephew. She was preceded in death by niece, Debbie Sheets and nephew, Denny Elmore.