



Esther P. McCleerey

June 15, 1921 - June 13, 2012

90, of Indianapolis, passed away June 13, 2012. She was born June 15, 1921, in Wakeland, IN, to the late Elzie and Anna Ratts Carter. Esther started her career working as the secretary for the Journalism Department at Arsenal Technical High School; she then became a fulltime mother raising four lovely daughters. She held various secretarial positions in the Indianapolis area, and retired as a teacher's assistant for Indianapolis Public Schools. Esther was a member of Order of Eastern Star, American Business Women's Association, the Gold Star Wives, Englewood Christian Church Loyal Mother's Class, Marion County Republican Club and a friend of Irvington Presbyterian Church. Visitation will be Sunday, June 17, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. with funeral services Monday at 2:00 p.m. Esther is survived by her loving daughters, Linda Sprouse (Mel), Debbie Hoke (Bill), Marsha Massel (Jim) and Paula Lancaster; grandchildren, Mark, Ryan, Evan, Matt, Andy, Michael, Emily, Elizabeth, Adam, and Anna; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Esther's first husband, Orville Higgins, Jr. and second husband, Ernest McCleerey; and two brothers, Maurice and Robert Carter, all preceded her in death. Memorial contributions may be made to Community Health Network Foundation/Pulmonary Rehabilitation, 1500 N. Ritter Ave., Indianapolis, IN, 46219.