



Fernita Faye McWilliams

February 2, 1930 - November 15, 2018

Fernita Faye McWilliams

88, “Faye Welton” passed away peacefully November 15, 2018 surrounded by her loving family. Faye was born on February 2, 1930 to the late Odes and Alifair Anderson in Hillham, Indiana. As a coincidence of her birthdate, she was affectionately nicknamed “Groundhog” by her father and went by her middle name Faye throughout her life.

Faye grew up in beautiful Cuzco (IN). Faye attended high school there, graduating in its final class in 1948. Shortly after graduating she married Frank V. Welton, the love of her life. A marriage that lasted until his passing in 1977.

Later, Faye married Delbert C. “Mac” McWilliams until his passing in 1997.

Faye was a loving mother, caregiver, and homemaker for her four sons, Stanley, Leland, Bradford, and Marshall. After raising her four boys she went on to achieve her nursing license and become an orthopedic nurse at Community Hospital on the east side of Indianapolis, where she retired.

Faye’s hobbies included philanthropic activities at Trinity Lutheran Church, where she was a devoted longtime member, gardening, canning and baking.

Faye especially loved gardening and would spend hours in the summer heat weeding and picking green beans for canning. She was famous for her homemade noodles and received numerous requests for them throughout the years. Faye loved baking cobblers, apple squares and cookies which she often donated to sell at the annual bake sale at Trinity during Christmas time.

Faye, a self-described “country girl” that was thankful for what she had, was

modest but determined in teaching us to appreciate life's basics, rather than the superficial. She demonstrated unparalleled unconditional love, generosity, and sacrifice to God, others and especially her family. She was a very kind and gentle woman. Faye faced many challenges throughout her life, without complaint or self-pity, showing us through patience and faith, how to overcome life's obstacles. She will be greatly missed not only by her family, but by everyone that had the honor of knowing her.

Aside from her strong will and faith, Faye's greatest attribute was her generosity. Faye was a giver! A giver of the greatest magnitude; her love, her care for others, her always putting others ahead of herself, sacrificing for others what she could have. She exemplified that giving is truly better than receiving.

Faye's strong faith allowed her to live an exemplary Christian life not only loving her family and others equally and unconditionally but also demonstrating a sincere non-judgmental compassion for all she interacted with and cared for personally and professionally. We all should aspire to live such a wonderful giving life.

A special thanks to Cheryl and Shatawn Welton, who quickly became daughters to Faye. They devoted many hours to helping care for and manage Faye's wants and needs. Also, Faye's caregiver Melody, who was devoted to providing loving care to "Miss Faye" is appreciated.

Faye is survived by sons, Bradford (and Cheryl) Welton and Marshall (Shatawn) Welton; siblings, Rose (Francis) Jackson, Howard (Joann) Anderson, Jenny Webber, Shelly Bair, Lea (Pete) Bauer, Sue Perry; brothers-in-law Dave Hales and James Ervin, 18 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her sons, Stanley Welton and Leland Welton; sisters, Forsee Ervin, and Brenda Hales. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church or donor's favorite charity.

Visitation will be Tuesday, November 20, 2018, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 8540 E. 16th Street, with visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Dinner served following services.

Well done Fernita Faye; a race well run, a fight well fought, a life well lived, a wonderful human being well appreciated.

We love you so much and will miss you deeply.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 20. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Visitation

NOV 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
8540 East 16th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219

Funeral Service

NOV 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fernita Faye McWilliams.*



November 19, 2018 at 12:59 PM



“ *Bill, Vickie, Donna, Paul and Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Fernita Faye McWilliams.*



Bill, Vickie, Donna, Paul and Families - November 18, 2018 at 05:45 PM



“ *Lisa and Rick Weidenbener and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Fernita Faye McWilliams.*



Lisa and Rick Weidenbener and family - November 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM