



Helen L. Thomas Ernstes

May 12, 1914 - April 8, 2016

Helen L. Thomas Ernstes, 101, of Lebanon, formerly of Indianapolis, passed away April 8, 2016. She was born May 12, 1914 in New Richmond, IN, to the late Anson S. and Jennie C. Deeter Thomas. Helen was a graduate of Danville High School, IN, and Central Normal College. She married Leo "John" Ernstes, and he preceded her in death November 17, 2006. Helen began her teaching career in Manilla, she then taught in Elwood and Frankfort, finally retiring in 1972 from Franklin Central High School after more than 30 years of service. She was a longtime member of Irvington Presbyterian Church, past president of the Franklin Teacher's Association, a member of the PEO Sisterhood, Alpha Chi Delta Kappa Society, Goodwill Service Guild, Marion County Children's Guardian Home, Art League of Irvington, Benton House Association, Indianapolis Council of Women where she was the 1996 volunteer of the year, the Indianapolis Symphony Society and the Indianapolis Zoo.

Visitation will be Friday, April 15, 2016 from 12 noon until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 E. Washington St.

Helen is survived by nephews, Paul A. Thomas (Carol), Kent L. Thomas (Jill) and Laine C. Metsker (Sharon); and several great-nieces and great-nephews. A brother, Warren Thomas; a sister, Ruth Metsker; and nephews, Steven Thomas and Alan Metsker, preceded her in death. Memorial contributions may be made to Irvington Presbyterian Church.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **15**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel
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Funeral Service

APR **15**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Ernstes was a wonderful teacher and put up with our antics. Clifford was always getting into trouble, but she would add "but I think Sue and friends were the engineers". Plus she was such an elegant lady. Sue Townsend Mavro*

Sue Townsend Mavro - April 27, 2016 at 12:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen L. Thomas Ernstes.*



April 14, 2016 at 08:45 AM