



Phyllis N. Kjonaas

August 22, 1920 - December 9, 2022

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1920 ~ 2022

102, of Indianapolis, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on December 9, 2022. She was born August 22, 1920 in Roundup, Montana, to Myrtle and Lela (Nichols) Markham. Phyllis graduated from Pullman High School (Pullman, WA) and Morse School of Beauty Culture (Spokane, WA). She married Manley Kjonaas in Pullman, June 1, 1942, and together they had three children and were married for over 75 years. She was a loving wife and homemaker. Phyllis was also actively involved in the lives of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Phyllis was active in several churches including Hammond, Indiana First Church of the Nazarene, Indianapolis First Church of the Nazarene, and East 91st Street Christian Church. She taught Sunday school, directed VBS, led bible studies, was involved in various mission projects and an active member of Gideons International for many years.

Phyllis is survived by her children, Diane Bensch, Judith (Bob) Paine and Wayne (Debbie) Kjonaas; grandchildren, Terri (Mike) Hadrick, Eric (Lina) Spross, Craig (Rosalie) Spross, Nathan (Tara) Bensch, Kiersti (Matt) Cunningham, Tim (Kacy) Bensch, Kristen Bensch, Ben Bensch, Immani Paine and Kenyetta Paine; great-grandchildren, Shelby, Aidan, Michael, Madeliene, Quinlyn and Alexis. She was preceded in death by her husband, Manley Kjonaas; siblings, Opal Jones and Eldon Markham; and sons-in-law, Louis

Spross and Bill Bensch.

The family plans a private Celebration of Life at a later date. In lieu of flowers or other gifts the family requests that a memorial contribution be made to Gideons International Processing Center, P.O. Box 14080, Nashville, TN 37214 or online at www.gideons.org. The family would like to thank the caring staff at Hamilton Trace Nursing Home and Heart to Heart Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.
Indianapolis, IN