



Virginia Mae Priest

August 8, 1925 - February 8, 2013

87, of Indianapolis, passed away February 8, 2013. She was born August 8, 1925, to the late Jesse L. Priest and Laura (Reed) Priest. Virginia was a member of Park Avenue Evangelical United Brethren Church, then went with that congregation to Faith United Methodist Church. Music was an important part of her life, at church, school and home. Everyone harmonized, her father played banjo and mandolin and her brother Carl played guitar. In high school, she took advantage of all the music programs offered, and studied radio. She graduated from Arsenal Technical High School in 1943 and attended Indiana Central College and I.U. She worked at the I.U. Extension-(as it was called then) and considered her most important job to be that of preparing and managing the paperwork for soldiers returning from WWII to apply for the G.I. Bill (her brother Carl was a medic in that war). Later in her life she worked as a secretary at the Indiana Building Trades Council. Her pride and joy was her son, Craig. She told everyone how he graduated from Tech High School with honors and after graduating from I.U. became an officer in the U.S. Army. She also beamed when she spoke of her three grandchildren. Left to cherish her memory are her son, Craig S. Priest; daughter-in-law, Angela Priest; three grandchildren, Zachary and Joshua Priest, and Heather Davern (Jake); as well as three sisters, Louise and Bonnie Priest, of Indianapolis, and Christina Morrison (Rev. S. Keith) of Union, South Carolina. Virginia's parents and a brother, Carl Priest, preceded her in death. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Virginia's name to the Nature Conservancy, 620 East Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202 or the Children's Fund, P.O. Box 7936, McLean, VA 22106.