



Virginia R. Welchons

July 17, 1930 - November 2, 2009

79, was born in July 1930 to Alvie McGregor and Harriet Blue Welchons in Indianapolis, IN. She was the youngest of three children, and the only girl. Virginia graduated from Arsenal Technical High School in 1948 and completed a Bachelor of Education Degree specializing in Art at Ball State University in 1953 and was a member of honorary art fraternity Delta Phi Delta. She worked as a jewelry designer for Reis Jewelry Manufacturing for 7 years. In 1963, she completed her Master's Degree in Social Work from Indiana University. She was a Correctional Social Worker and Supervisor at the Marion County Juvenile Court and the Indiana Girls School as well as Assistant Superintendent before moving into a position of Psychiatric Social Worker at the inception of the Community Mental Health movement working at Midtown Community Mental Health Center through Wishard Memorial Hospital 24 years, where she initiated and directed the inception of a 24 hour Crisis Intervention Unit before becoming Clinical Director at the Center. She was recognized in the 12th Edition of *Who's Who of American Women*, and the 1982 edition of *The World's Who's Who of Women*. Virginia was a member of Wallace Street Presbyterian Church (Wallace Street Evangelical Church), a ruling Elder for nine years, and taught adult Sunday School for over thirty years. In her profession she was a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers under the National Association of Social Workers, also a licensed Indiana Certified Clinical Social Worker. In 1994 she became a volunteer at Community Hospital East and was a member of the

Auxiliary. Visitation will be held Friday, November 6, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St., with funeral services Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Virginia is survived by her brother, Richard Welchons; and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her brother, Jack Welchons; and great nephew, Stephen Conway. Memorial contributions may be made to Wallace Street Presbyterian Church.