

Gospel Lighthouse Youth Center in memory of Luther Patrick, 701 N. Beerenbrook Street, Plymouth, IN 46563. Condolences may be sent to the family through the website: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Martha L. Murray

May 23, 1926 - Sept 23, 2016

Martha L. Murray, 90, Rochester, passed away at 11:17 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23, 2016, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.



On May 23, 1926, Martha was born in Glen Ellyn, Ill. She was the cherished daughter of William Gladstone and Dollie Ruth Hicken

Martha Murray Wheatley. Growing up, she shared her childhood with three sisters and two brothers. With great pride, she graduated with the distinction of being Letters Ford High School's Class of 1944 valedictorian.

With a lifelong dream of becoming a nurse, Martha attended school at St. Joseph School of Nursing in South Bend. She earned her degree as a registered nurse on June 28, 1947. As a nursing professional, Martha served Woodlawn Hospital patients for 21 years, retiring in 1991.

Martha and Arnold Murray were married on Aug. 30, 1947, in Letters Ford. Their union of 59 years produced three beautiful daughters. Over the years, two more generations were added to the family tree, with six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

In the early years, Arnold and Martha enjoyed life on Lake Manitou. She was an accomplished water skier. Winter brought on snow skiing at Mount Wawasee or Michigan. They also had adventures motorcycling around the Midwest.

With a passion for the outdoors, Martha and Arnold camped out under the starlit skies, anywhere from the Grand Tetons to southern Indiana.

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handiwork, Martha made clothing for her daughters. She created custom wedding gowns and bridesmaid gowns for her daughters' weddings. Through the years, she transitioned to crocheting and plastic canvas. For her family and special friends, Martha created many gifts of warmth, including quilts. To relax, she enjoyed reading, especially mystery and suspense books.

Left to cherish the memory of Martha are her three daughters, Julia Fairchild, South Bend, Delores Cleveland, Atwood, Terre Haute; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; beloved husband, Arnold, on Oct. 7, 2006; three sisters, Genevieve St. Clair, Myrtle Wentzel, and Barbara Murray; and two brothers, Robert Wheatley and Earl Wheatley.

A gathering and celebration of the life of Mrs. Martha L. Murray with opportunities to share memories with her family and friends will be from 4-6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 26, 2016, at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. A private family burial will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Fulton County DAV Vehicle Fund in care of the Fulton County Auditor, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester, IN 46975. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to Martha's family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.