



## Ruth L. Goddard

March 6, 1912 - January 29, 2014

Ruth L. Goddard, 101, of Terre Haute, went to be with the Lord, Wednesday, January 29, 2014 in her Great niece's home.

She was born on March 6, 1912 in Champaign County, OH, the daughter of Clarence V. and Sarah Catherine (Dibert) Goddard. Ruth was a 1929 graduate of Terre Haute School and a 1930 graduate of Westville and attended Springfield Business College. She worked for Knights of Pythias Home of Springfield for 42 years and Wagner Service for 17 years.

Ruth was a life member of Terre Haute United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School, was financial secretary for 44 years, a member of the United Methodist Women, Tip Top Club and a member of the choir. She was also a past chief of the Knights of Pythias Temple and a member of the Red Star Temple.

Ruth was an extraordinary woman. She was devoted to God as well as family members and spent a large portion of her life caring for her mother after the loss of her father. She was always available to spend time with any family members or friends to talk and catch up. She was well known for her laugh, her sugar cookies, popcorn balls and pies.

Survivors include a nephew Ronald (Janet) Goddard of Terre Haute; 3 nieces, Marilyn (Joe) Stanley of Terre Haute, Carolyn (Walter) Wyatt of Cincinnati, Leona (John) Schaefer of Kansas City; 3 Great Nephews, Dale (Linda) Goddard of Terre Haute, Mark Stanley of Terre Haute, Jeff (Sheila) Wyatt of Cincinnati; 4 Great Nieces, Carol Goddard (Barb Ropp) of Westville, Sheryl

(Tony) Ropp of Terre Haute, whom lovingly took care of Ruth in their home, Lora (Mike) Brown of Terre Haute, Ann (John) Furnier, of Hope, MI; 19 Great-Great Nieces and Nephews, Grant, Ryan, Matthew and Eric Goddard, Tyler and Jordan Laughman, Tia and Wesley Ropp, Courtney and Cody Salyers, Nicholas and Victoria Wyatt, Sarah, Matthew and Hannah Furnier, Brooke Lanum, Chelsie, Nathan and Spencer Stanley; 7 Great-Great-Great Nieces and Nephews, Kiersten Ropp, Skyler Ropp, Chase and Alexis Nickells, Dyllon Ropp, Tristen and Alex Lanum.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Ivan (Helen) Goddard, and sisters, Norma (Orville) Hullinger, and Martha Goddard and a Great-Great-Great Nephew, Elijah Lee Laughman.

Family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 in the Terre Haute United Methodist Church 5938 St. Rt. 55, Urbana, where a service will be held at Noon with Pastor David Yinger officiating. Burial will follow in Terre Haute Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Ruth's memory may be made to the Terre Haute United Methodist Church.

The family is being served by WALTER & SMITH FUNERAL HOME, Urbana. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.walterfunerals.com](http://www.walterfunerals.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Terre Haute Cemetery

State Route 55  
Terre Haute, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Terre Haute UMC  
5938 State Route 55  
Urbana, OH

## Service

FEB 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My husband and I would like to express our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of your beloved Ruth. We wanted to share with you comfort from God's Word found in John 5:28,29. Here we are given the wonderful hope of the resurrection of our dear loved ones, just as Lazarus was in John 11. Take comfort in knowing that when our enemy death strikes we are never alone. Our Heavenly Father shared our pain and sorrow when someone we love dies. ( Psalm 34:18) May the loving experiences you all made and shared together, bring a smile to your faces and warmth to your hearts as your healing begins. Share them with others and her memory will be cherished by all who knew and loved her. Take care of yourselves and each other during this very difficult time.

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