



## Alma E. Stires

April 7, 1927 - May 13, 2014

Alma E. Eckstein Stires, 87, of Anderson, passed away on May 13, 2014 at the Rawlins House Pendleton. She was born on April 7, 1927 in Ripley County, Indiana and resided most of her life in Anderson. Alma graduated from St. Mary's High School, and a local business college. She went to work in a secretarial position at Guide Lamp, prior to being a homemaker. She served as a member of the Victoria Guild at St. Vincent Anderson Regional Hospital. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, cooking, bridge clubs and spending time with her family. Alma is survived by her loving children, Thomas Nancy Stires, Tim Pamela Stires, Anne Bob Loomis, Terri Stires, Cindy Tim Ruffer, Todd Alice Stires, and Margie Greg Hawkins; grandchildren, Megan Matt Grant, Kevin Stires, Richie Gwen Stires, Justin Jaime Engle, Amanda Loomis, Jason Dawn Ruffer, Sarah Ruffer, Ashley and Travis Stires, Adam, Ryan, and Aaron Hawkins; great-grandchildren, Lyla Grant, Elijah, Paige, and Ellanore Stires, Elijah and Caitlyn Engle, and Braxton Ruffer. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hyde P. Stires, mother, Emma Eckstein, father, John Eckstein, and grandson Steve Loomis. The family wishes to thank the staff at Fall Creek Retirement Community/ Rawlins House and St. Vincent's Anderson Hospice for their loving and attentive care. Visitation will be held Thursday, May 15, 2014 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, 200 West 53rd St. Anderson, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 am, Friday, May 16, 2014, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church with Father Phil Bowers officiating. Burial will take place in East Maplewood

Cemetery, Anderson. Memorial contributions may be made to the Victoria Guild at St. Vincent Anderson Regional Hospital. [www.loosecares.com](http://www.loosecares.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Alma Stires was a good friend to my parents and I have a picture of them at my wedding. Prayers for peace are sent to her children!*

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**Terry Daugherty McFarland** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *What a powerful woman that we will never forget. All of you have been a very special part of our family over the many years we have known you. I know you will miss your mom but all of you have been blessed with her special traits and will carry her memories on to all you know. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. You can finally rest now. Alma. You have completed your job and left many legacies to carry on for you. Love to you all, Mike and Jill Martin*

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**Mike and Jill Martin** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM