



Norma Jean Blades

October 29, 1917 - August 7, 2009

Anderson - Norma Jean Gruhl Blades, 91, Anderson, died August 7, 2009 at Community Hospital, Anderson after a brief illness. Born October 29, 1917 to Homer and Nana Gruhl in Hope, Indiana, she graduated in 1935 from Hope High School. Norma married her high school sweetheart, Lewis "Louie" Blades on September 2, 1939. She worked at Stafford Grain Company in Hope during the early 40's while her husband served in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot during World War II. After the war, she and Louie moved to Indianapolis, Brookston and Bloomington, finally settling in Anderson in 1955. During the 60's and 70's she was employed at F.W. Woolworths. She is a member of Hope Moravian Church and Anderson Central Christian Church. She is a member of the Central Christian Church Women's Circle and a former member of Kappa, Kappa, Sigma Sorority. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother who loved spending time with her family. Survivors included her daughter, Carol Whiting of Anderson; grandchildren, Susan Erik Kidd of Anderson, Diane Whiting of Mission, TX and David Kelly Whiting of Pendleton; great grandchildren, Tyler Showalter, Regan Kidd, Abbey Kidd, Sophie Kidd, Andrew Whiting and Lexi Whiting; sister-in-law, Mary Scheidt of Columbus, IN; special friends, Jay Sickels, Alda and Christine Leakey and Linda Swick; and "Aunt Jean" to many nieces and nephews. She was preceded by her husband, Louie Blades, in 1987; son, Steven R. Blades in 1997; and brother Robert Gruhl in 1999. Visitation will be from 5-8 PM on Monday, August 10, 2009 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home, South Chapel,

200 W. 53rd St., Anderson. Services will be Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 10:00 AM, at the funeral home's south chapel, with Rev. Rick Vale officiating. Burial will be in Moravian Cemetery, Hope, Indiana with Rev. Krauss officiating . Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. www.LooseFuneralHomes.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Blades Family, I just saw Mrs. Blades obituary online. Forgive me for asking so long after she died, but was she the mother of Steven Robert Blades, a 1968 Madison Heights High School graduate? I know his sister was named Carol. I am Sharon Kramer Daitch and Steve was a close friend of mine all through school. I learned he had passed away when I was at a reunion. Tried to find out more to no avail. I have thought about him and your family many times over the years. I would like to hear from you if I have reached the right family Sincerest sympathy to all, Sharon

Sharon Kramer Daitch - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ My grandma was so sweet and loving and always happy when i first found out she passed away i bawled my eyes out because i never really knew what it was like to have a close family member pass away... i miss her soo much God bless her up in heaven amen. 1 corinthians 3:17 now the lord is the spirit and where the spirit of the lord is there is liberty...

sophie - March 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Norma was a Special friend, like a second Mother to me. I will always remember her as a kind, caring and compassionate person. She always put her Family and Friends before herself. My condolences to Carol, Susan, Diane, David and their Families. May God Bless you.

Jay Sickels - August 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM