



## Norma Marceil Collings

January 7, 1915 - November 14, 2012

Carmel- Norma Marceil Long Collings, 97, of Carmel, passed away on November 14, 2012 at Summer Trace Nursing Facility in Carmel. Norma was born in Decatur on January 7, 1915. She was the daughter of Frank and Clema Long and little sister to Bill, Audrey and Helen. On the week of her birthday, the Rocky Mountain National Park was established and the first stone for the Lincoln Memorial was put into place. World War I was underway and on May 3, John McCrae wrote the poem, "In Flanders Field", one of Norma's favorite poems. She met and married Kenneth Collings in 1933 and they were married for 42 years until his death in 1981. Norma loved poetry and often collected quotations of some of her favorite authors and national leaders. She was a staunch supporter of education and encouraged her children to go to college - a privilege that neither she nor Kenneth ever had the opportunity to enjoy. They both fervently believed in higher education's power to transform lives. Norma loved to play golf and collect antiques - especially antique dolls. Anyone who knew her well realized she had a real gift for reading handwriting and often was asked to entertain at parties or consult with employers who sent her the writing of prospective employees. She was a loyal fan of the Indiana Hoosier Basketball team and never missed a game on television. One of Norma's best attributes was that she never stopped learning. She had a real passion for new ideas and new ways of thinking. Until she was unable to do so, she attended Madison Park Church of God. She is survived by her children, William Collings Valerie of Greensburg

and daughters, Kay Sandifer Jim of Carmel, Rebecca Jean Downey Mike of El Paso, Texas, and Jayne Lutze Ralph of Anderson; grandchildren, David Collings, Clayton Collings, Lindsay Collings, Laura Modica, Jennifer Sturges, William Robbins, Edward Sandifer, Susanna Sandifer, Carey Gribben, Jason Smith, Kenny Layne; and great grandchildren, Betsy Sandifer, Jack Sandifer, Martin Collings, Kevin Collings, Alexis Layne and William Layne. The family would like to thank the Summer Trace at Manor Care in Carmel for all their care. Visitation will be held at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, Anderson, from 11:00-1:00pm on Monday, November 19, 2012. Services will be 1:00pm on Monday, November 19, 2012 at the funeral home with Pastor Jim Lyon officiating. Burial will take place in Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Salvation Army. [www.loosecares.com](http://www.loosecares.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Bill, I am so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. I was unable to make it to the funeral home. I always kept an eye on her house on my way to work. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Connie dunlap Sears

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**connie sears** - November 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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*i never met norma. she was a distant cousin. back in 2009 i talked to her on the phone when i was working on some genealogy. it was quite evident that she had dementia. but her memories of her childhood was sharp as a tack. she shared alot about her parents and siblings and even about her grandmother. i still have her memories written down for posterity. wonderful woman. dennis from toledo*

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**dennis miller** - January 20, 2015 at 04:36 PM

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“ Bill and family. So sorry for your loss.

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**Neil Wanee** - November 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM