



## Rosemary DeGracia Wayts

May 1, 1916 - February 16, 2010

Anderson - Rosemary DeGracia Wayts, age 93, went home to be with her Lord on Tuesday, February 16, 2010. Born in Anderson, Indiana on May 1, 1916 to Martin and Bessie Wayts, she was a lifelong resident of Indiana, also living her elder years in Anderson. The youngest of three daughters Wilmetta and Beatrice both preceding her in death, she was born with a physical handicap challenging her ability to walk, but never challenging her spirit or her determination to live fully and independently. Throughout her life, she was a woman of extraordinary spirit and joy. Her mother, a Methodist minister, took Rosemary with her, night and day, as she ministered to the sick and dying – and these experiences, from a very young age, became part of the fabric of her life. She began each day with songs of praise to the Lord and scripture study – and spent virtually every moment of every day of her life in conversation with God. Throughout her life she was never alone, she was never afraid, and she was never sad – for she was truly a child of Christ. Her life was a witness to all – and a joy to behold. She adored her family and they adored her. In the last year of her life, she moved to Countryside Manor in Anderson, which she found to be an opportunity for service. She made many new friends, encouraged all those around her, residents and staff alike, and found delight in every new day. During WWII she worked at Camp Atterbury and following the war, worked and retired from General Electric Corporation in Shelbyville, Indiana. These were both physically demanding jobs – which she took delight in accomplishing without thought of her limitations. She is

survived by a niece, Jane Ann Swinford husband Marvin of Anderson, and a nephew, Sen. Mack F. Mattingly wife, Leslie of St. Simons Island, GA, Virginia Renforth, widow of nephew, Jack Renforth, also of Anderson and many loving relatives and friends. Services will be held at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home, South Chapel, 200 W. 53rd St., Anderson on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 1:00 PM, with visitation from 12:30 – 1:00 PM. [www.LooseFuneralHomes.com](http://www.LooseFuneralHomes.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family.*

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**krauss** - February 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I thank the Lord for giving me Aunt Rosemary. Her faith, her smiles, her daily joy with God -- even in very hard circumstances -- those never changed. She didn't complain. She trusted. Her concern was for others. Did they know Jesus? Did they have a need? Could she pray for them or sing to them? People and animals -- she loved them all dearly. She encouraged everyone around her. That was her ministry. To God be the glory for this wonderful woman who loved Him fully.*

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**Anne Doster** - February 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“*Rosemary Wayts was a strong woman of God. She would tell you that her strength lay simply in Christ, not in any worldly ideas. She was consistent in giving the one true God the glory in all things. She was quick to see the goodness and holiness of God and needed no high level of education to help her recognize the antithesis of our holy God, the lying old devil, to whom she referred on occasion with a simple hatred for evil and a confident love for God. Her perfect trust in God and strong faith gave her the ability and desire to minister all her life to others. She didn't have a formal job description in a church; she just responded to God's call on all believers to speak the truth in love and to desire to be used by Him. John Piper says in Don't Waste Your Life, "The way we die reveals the worth of Christ in our hearts. Christ is magnified in my death when I am satisfied with him in my dying-when I experience death as gain because I gain him....The essence of praising Christ is prizing Christ. Christ will be praised in my death, if in my death he is prized above life." Dear Aunt Rosemary praised Him and prized Him above all. In our last or next-to-last phone call, she sang to me all the hymn "He Touched Me" Read it and think of Rosemary's message to us; it is Jesus' message to us. Right after she passed away, another hymn's lines came to my mind, depicting Rosemary Wayts: "Trust and obey for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, you must trust and obey." Rosemary trusted God, did her utmost to obey Him, and she was certainly happy in Jesus. A lot of sermons are preached in churches that miss the mark, wandering verbally through the humanistic ideas of man. Rosemary's heart was on target, zeroed in on the one true simple message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. She is now whole in body and with Him. Alleluia.*

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**Jane Williams** - February 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM