



Ruth E. Nelson

January 29, 1917 - December 19, 2007

Ruth Emelia Nelson, 90, died Wednesday, December 19 in Hobart after a brief illness. Born January 19, 1917 in Chicago, IL to her Swedish immigrant parents, Carl and Lydia Wall, Ruth grew up in the Brunswick section of Gary with her three brothers, Carl, Robert and Lawrence, and three sisters, Christine, Norma and Virginia. As a teenager, she went to work to help support her family during the Great Depression at what became Gary Community College and later, Indiana University Northwest. She was the first registrar at IUN, then manager of the college bookstore. After she retired with 55 years of service, Ruth returned to work at the IUN Library part-time for several more years. Throughout her career and long after, Ruth never lost her ability to give orders, even when she found herself confined to bed at Miller's Merry Manor. Ruth was a charter member of Christ Community Church in Hobart, where she taught Sunday School, played the piano and led the women's ministry program. She became part of the church family and formed many strong friendships with the men and women there. She is survived by her brother, Robert (Norma) Wall of Raleigh, NC; step-grandson Jimmy Roach, step-granddaughters Pamela and Janise; nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Nelson; son John Eric; sisters Christine Wall, Norma Halvorsen and Virginia Caldwell; brothers Carl and Lawrence Wall. Funeral services will be at 2:30 pm Sunday, December 23, 2007 at the New Christ Community Church, 7983 Grand Boulevard, Hobart,

Pastor Steve Buchelt presiding. Friends may visit with the family at the church beginning at 1:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the New Christ Community Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Uncle Frank I love you. Your niece, Michelle*###imported-begin##*Michelle "Duncan" Cotterell*###imported-end##

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