

Mable Gertrude (Staley) Murray (January 15, 1908 - August 4, 2007)

Full name: Mable Gertrude (Staley) Murray

Born: January 15, 1908, Portland, Indiana

Parents: Joseph and Emma (Miller) Staley ---they were both born in Portland, Indiana too Joseph died of Painter's Colic at 43 years of age in 1914 (Mable was 5 years old). Her mother raised all 4 children alone. Emma died at 82 years of age in 1959.

Mable was a lifelong resident of Decatur, Indiana residing for a lot of those years on Adams Street in her wonderful home surrounded by her antiques and souvenirs of great travels. Recently, due to declining health, she resided at both Evergreen Assisted Living Apartments and finally, Woodcrest Nursing Center.

Marriages: First marriage: Walter Joy Bockman: November 3rd, 1934 (he died in a plane accident on July 19, 1949) Second marriage in Atlanta, Georgia to Forrest G. Murray: March 2, 1954: he died May 25, 1985.

No children were born from either marriage.

She was preceded in death by her 3 brothers: James K. Staley (Decatur, Indiana); Walter G. Staley and Harry Staley as well as her niece Marguerite (Staley) Rehm.

She leaves behind many cherished family and friends including but certainly not limited to:

Roger and Norma Staley - Las Vegas, NV Jim Staley and family- Las Vegas, NV John Staley and family- Portland, OR John, Jayne and John Christian Bockman- Angola, Indiana David and Margy Bockman and family- The Villages, Florida Richard and Donna Knapp and family- Fort Wayne, Indiana Roger Knapp and family-Scotch Plains, New Jersey Alvera Eady and family- Decatur, Indiana Barbara Gaunt - Decatur, Indiana Teri and David Conrad and family- Decatur, Indiana Debbie and Jim Kowalkowski and family- Muncie, Indiana David and Myra Gaunt and family- Decatur, Indiana Bobby Gaunt- Bluffton, Indiana Wendy and Dennis Comar and family- Portage, MI Steven and Wendy Rehm- Parker, CO Kit, Kathy and Brian Rehm - Norcross, GA

Mable was employed right out of high school in 1926 with United Telephone Company in Decatur. She began her career as a bookkeeper (making \$9 week!), became an office manager and then moved into sales becoming a Decatur District Marketing Representative. She retired after 47 ½ years of service on March 16, 1973.

She was always very active socially as a member of The Ladies Shakespeare Club, Associate member of Tri Kappa Sorority; American Legion Auxiliary, Ralph Lucier Club of United Telephone; Telephone Pioneers plus she was a very active bridge player! She was also the drive chairman of the 1964 Decatur Community Fund.

She was a devoted Indiana University Basketball fan throughout her life! She played high school basketball complete with bloomers. It was never a great idea to call her to 'chat' when there was an IU game on TV.

She adored travel and visited Europe and Mexico many times along with New Zealand, Australia, Russia, South America, The Orient, the Caribbean and most of the states in the USA. She often exclaimed that whenever she got home from a trip---she wanted a good old fashioned hamburger!

She cherished more than 50 summers in her wonderful cottage called The 'Charmstring' at Lake Gage in Angola Indiana. She loved her little doll-sized cottage and especially enjoyed sitting on the porch and watching the lights come on around the lake at dusk. She found great peace and serenity there surrounded by loving family and friends.

She was a lifelong member of the Zion United Church of Christ, 3rd and Jackson Street, Decatur, Indiana.

Visitation will be Wednesday August 8th from 9:00 – 11:00am at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home followed by an 11:00 am service also at the Funeral Home.

Graveside services will be held following the funeral at Decatur Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Zion United Church of Christ, Decatur, Indiana or your charity of choice.

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