



Mrs. Erma Mae McKinney

September 27, 1926 - September 1, 2017

Erma McKinney, age 90, of Dyer, went home to Heaven on Friday, September 1, 2017. Erma was born September 27, 1926, to Fay and Hazel Ault, was first brought to the First Baptist Church of Hammond at age 4, and after having accepted Jesus as her personal Saviour, was baptized (along with her identical twin sister) and made a member of the church at the age of 9. She began teaching Sunday school as a teenager, was a member of the church choir, and superintended (as "Miss Erma") the Beginner 2 Sunday school department (5-year-olds) for over 50 years.

Erma graduated from what is now Thornton Fractional North High School where she participated in speech and debate. She also attended Gordon College in Boston, Massachusetts where she majored in theology. After marrying her childhood sweetheart, Tom McKinney, in 1948, she worked for Queen Anne Candy Company, for IBM, and then for the IBM installation of Edward Valves, part of Rockwell Industries. In 1965, she became a member of the staff of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, where she authored the children's Sunday school lessons and was the pastor's secretary for over 40 years until she retired at the age of 85.

She is survived by her two children and their spouses: Phil and Gail Merhalski of Schererville, and Keith and Lynn McKinney of Dyer. She had four grandchildren: Justin McKinney of Spokane, Washington; Heather (Carlos) Berrones of Hammond; Adam (Atina) Merhalski of Hammond; and Abbey (Scott) Sloan of Highland. She also had five great-grandchildren to whom she loved to read: David, Mark, Maegann, and Anthony Merhalski; and Lilyanna Berrones. She is also survived by her twin sister, Evelyn Paul of Smoaks, South Carolina; and her brothers: Wayne Ault of Sister Bay, Wisconsin, and Leonard Ault of Fort Collins, Colorado. Erma was preceded in death in 2003 by her husband.

Friends are invited to visit with the family on Thursday, September 7, 2017 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Memory Lane Funeral Home, 6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30), Crown Point, Indiana. A funeral service will be on Friday, September 8, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the

funeral home with a one-hour viewing prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations for the Hammond Baptist Schools' library are requested. For further information, please call the office (219) 322-2050 or visit the website: www.memorylanepark.com

Cemetery Details

Memory Lane Memorial Park

6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30)
Crown Point, IN 46307
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info.memorylanepark@gmail.com
<https://memorylanepark.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

SEP 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

NL

“ I remember “Miss Erma” as she was so affectionately known being my Sunday school teacher as a young boy and became a Christian at an early age due to Mrs McKinney’s godly influence in my life and I will forever be grateful to her

Nathaneal Lee - January 22, 2022 at 10:11 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Erma Mae McKinney.



September 07, 2017 at 07:22 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Erma Mae McKinney.



September 06, 2017 at 12:47 PM

FF

“ There are no words to describe how much this dear lady has meant to my 5 children. She was a wonderful person to know and loved to listen to her tell her stories. Heaven is taken the best.

Flora Fritz - September 03, 2017 at 11:03 AM

PN

“ This lady taught me so much in the 20 years I was with her. She was so competent as Bro. Hyles Secretary and the best at teaching beginner 2. There is where I learned so much behind the scenes as to how to handle people, what was appropriate around children and what was appropriate around others. With her passing and Mrs. Hyles - it just seems like an end of an era. Both were women, but they were LADIES. Love them both so much. Patricia Phares, Nichols

Patricia Phares Nichols - September 02, 2017 at 08:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Erma Mae McKinney.*



September 02, 2017 at 06:21 PM

CS

“ *MRS.MCKINNEY WAS A SWEET LADY THAT I WILL MISS!! CATHY(BAGWELL) SCHNYDER*



CATHY SCHNYDER - September 02, 2017 at 12:30 PM

JM

My condolences to McKinney fam.

Julio molina - September 02, 2017 at 10:01 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Erma Mae McKinney.*



September 02, 2017 at 12:10 PM

RJ

“ *What a wonderful lady. She was my favorite story teller in Sunday School when I was a little girl. She is still my inspiration as I teach Sunday School today on the mission field. Heaven is much richer with her there. Our love and prayers for the family. -- Rebekah Johnson Sao Caetano do Sul, Brazil*

Rebekah Johnson - September 02, 2017 at 11:41 AM

MS

“ *SHE WAS ALWAYS A VERY SWEET PERSON ! WHAT A WONDERFUL CHRISTIAN LADY I KNOW SHE WILL BE MISS GOD BLESS THE FAMILY DURING THIS TIME OF LOSS MAY THE LORD SHOWER YOU WITH ENDLESS BLESSINGS AND GIVE YOU STRENGTH AND COMFORT!!! LV U ALL MARY ANN (TONEY) STACY*

Mary Ann Stacy - September 01, 2017 at 07:34 PM

JB

She got me to be pewee in bible school

Jerry. Bewley - September 02, 2017 at 08:21 PM