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RUTH JOHNSTON, died on Saturday, May 25, 2013, at Lutheran Life Villages, Fort Wayne. "She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family. She sets about her work vigorously." Family and friends who knew Ruth Johnston recognize how well she exemplified those words describing a Godly woman. On May 25, 2013, she heard a welcome and deserved invitation, "Well done, good and faithful servant; come and share My happiness!" as she was promoted to the presence of her Savior.

Born Dec. 11, 1917, she grew up as an only child in the small town of Berne, Ind. where her love of learning began. This led to a lifetime of reading - thousands of books up to the last weeks of life, and writing - her own book as a young mother followed by more thousands of letters to her five children as well as scores of friends over the years. She exemplified the virtues of frugality, sewing clothes for herself and all of her children. The seasons were marked by canning and freezing much of the food grown by her husband and consumed by her family in true Proverbs 31 fashion. Although seven years ago she deeply felt the loss of Ray, her husband of 65 years, in her final years she lived out her faith as a committed mother and grandmother as well as being a participant in the Creative Writing class at her retirement home. She was a 55 year member of First Missionary Church.

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