

MUNCIE--Virginia Kathryn Ashley, 92, died Tuesday August 2nd at Westminster Village in Muncie.

She was born in Portland March 27, 1919, the daughter of Homer and Gertrude (Metz) Smith, the fourth of ten children. Wife, mother and homemaker, she was also employed at Sears Roebuck and Company in Muncie and in the office of the Mount Pleasant Township Assessor. She was a 1936 graduate of Portland High School, an accomplished seamstress, avid worker of cross word puzzles and a partner with her husband, Lorin, in beekeeping and other agricultural enterprises. She was a longtime member of Lindberg Road Church of Christ in Anderson.

Surviving are three sons, Mike Ashley of Muncie, Norman Ashley (wife-Merle) of Grand Junction, CO, and David Ashley (wife-Deborah) of Tucker, GA; grandson, Erik Ashley of Castle Rock, CO; one sister, Mrs. William (Edith) Stowers of New Berne, NC; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lorin, in 2000; sisters, Lucille Wagoner and Martha Anderson Ring; and brothers, Paul, Ralph, Leo, Ray, Duane, and Dale.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Grace Episcopal Church in Muncie. She will be interred in a private service alongside her husband, Lorin, in Green Park Cemetery in Portland. Baird-Freeman Funeral Home has assisted the family.

Memorials can be made to Schults Lewis Child and Family Services, P.O. Box 471, Valparaiso, IN 46384.

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