

Betty J. Shively, 82



Betty Jean Baker Shively, 82, died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006.

A Celebration of Life was held for Betty Jean Shively on Friday, Feb. 24, at Williams Funeral Home in Knoxville with Pastor Steven

Bagby officiating. Interment was at the Indiana Chapel Cemetery in rural Marion County. Williams Funeral Home in Knoxville was in charge of the arrangements.

Casket bearers were Donald Goemaat, Harry Hart, Curtis Lambirth, Rich Lambirth, Bob Smith and Mike Sparks.

Honorary casket bearer was Charlie Sims.

Betty Jean Baker Shively was born on April 18, 1923 in Marion County. She was one of two daughters born to Gladys Feagins and Floyd Baker. Jean grew up in the Attica area, graduating from the Attica High School. She graduated from Central College in 1943. She was united in marriage to Edward Shively on Dec. 25, 1955 and together they raised three children. She taught school in Bussey, Attica and Montezuma. She retired after teaching English for 20 years in Rantoul, Ill. After her retirement in 1984, Jean and Ed returned to Attica.

Jean was an active member of the Retired Teachers Association, Daughters of the American Revolution and Central College Alumni Association. She was a member of the Attica United Methodist Church, holding various offices, a choir member and an active member of the United Methodist Women. She was a talented quilter, not only with the church ladies but also for her family and friends. She enjoyed watching various sports, being an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs, the Iowa Hawkeyes and Flying Dutchmen. Family was important to Jean. She enjoyed traveling with them as well as making visits to see the grandchildren. Jean had visited all 50 states, Africa, Asia, Europe and the South Pacific.

Survivors include one daughter, Judy Shively Smith and her husband, Bob, of Genoa City, Wis.; two sons and their wives, James E. and Cindy Shively of Carefree, Ariz. and R. Jay and Anne Shively of Santa Cruz, Calif. and five grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Ed, and one sister, Bonnie Sherwood.

Memorials in her name may be directed to the Indiana Chapel Cemetery Association or the Attica United Methodist Church. Condolence messages may be sent to the family at www.williamsfhknoxville.com.