



Mary Elizabeth Babcock

August 16, 1919 - May 22, 2008

Mary Elizabeth Babcock, 88, died at 1:05 a.m. today, May 22, 2008, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Born to Fred F. and Cleo D. (Dunbar) Steiner on Aug. 16, 1919, in Adams County, she married Harold G. Babcock on Aug. 15, 1987, in Linn Grove. He preceded her in death Jan. 15, 1997.

A graduate of Hartford Township High School in Adams County, she later attended Ball State University and earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree. She was an elementary school teacher for 43 years. She taught for two years in a one-room school in French Township in Adams County, for seven years in Petroleum, 18 years in Portland, and 16 years in Bluffton. She was a member of the Wells County, Jay County, and Indiana Retired Teachers Associations; the Alpha Pi Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Society; and First United Methodist Church. She was also a charter member of the Wells Daughters of the American Revolution. She was listed in the first edition of *Who's Who Among American Teachers*. She volunteered at Wells Community Hospital and the Caylor-Nickel Medical Center. In 1984, she set up the Mary Elizabeth Steiner Scholarship Fund, a scholarship awarded each spring to an eligible graduating senior from Bluffton who will attend Ball State University majoring in elementary education.

Surviving relatives include two stepsons, Dr. James L. (Lynn) Babcock of Bluffton and Dr. George K. (Jan.) Babcock of Bluffton; one stepdaughter, Emmalee Wade of Fort Wayne; eight step grandchildren and 15 step great

grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home. Visitation will be Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Linn Grove. Pastor Cindy Osgood and Pastor Robert Madsen will officiate.

Preferred memorials are to First United Methodist Church and the Caylor-Nickel Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Elizabeth Babcock*

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