

Virginia J. Smith Hardin Knight

Services for Virginia J. Smith Hardin Knight, 85, of Logansport, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Kroeger Funeral Home.

She died at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004, in Miller's Merry Manor.

Born Dec. 18, 1919, in Bloomington, she was the daughter of George E. and Leona Wray Smith. Virginia was raised by her father and stepmother, Bernice Smith, after her mother died in 1929. Virginia was married July 6, 1940, in Logansport, to Robert William Hardin, who died Jan. 12, 1983. On Sept. 19, 1990, she was married to Thomas Knight, and they divorced in 2000.

A 1937 graduate of Monticello High School, Virginia retired after 39 years of employment as a legal secretary in the office of Logansport attorney Robert S. Justice. She had previously worked at the National Bank of Logansport.

She was a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church, where she had been a Youth Group Leader in the 1950s. Virginia previously had been a member of the Logansport Seventh Day Adventist Church.

She was a member of T.O.P.S. and the Home Economic Club. For many years, she bowled in a local league on the Golden Rule team, and had previously been a den mother in the Cub Scouts. She was raised in Monticello.

Surviving are one son, Robert Hardin II and his wife, Barbara, Warsaw; one daughter-in-law, Janet Hardin Sellers and her husband, Larry, Thorntown; one stepsister, Betty Goodwin, Indianapolis; six grandchildren, Beth Skipper and her husband, Chip, and Natalie Waddle and her husband, David, all of Warsaw, Katrina Courchaine and her husband, Stephen, Indianapolis, Heidi Schaffer and her husband, Robert, Avon, Tony Hardin and his wife, Dustie, Noblesville, and Heather Mochl and her husband, Tim, Indianapolis; and several great-grandchildren.

One son, A. Michael Hardin, preceded in death in 1981. One stepbrother, Robert Stultz, Omaha, Neb., and one grandson, Robert W. Hardin, III, also preceded in death.

The Rev. Lisa Mays will officiate at the services. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour before services Friday in the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Dept. 77-3968, and the Leukemia Society of America, Suite 100, 941 E. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46240.

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