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Decatur-Gladys (Hays) Williams, 97, of Auburn, Ind., formerly of Decatur, Ill., passed away October 2, 2010 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, Ind. following a brief illness.

A service of memory and tribute will be held at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home in Decatur, Ill., at 2:30 p.m. Friday, October 8, 2010, with the Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis of Scott Depot, W.Va. officiating. Visitation will be from 1-2:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Macon County Memorial Park in Harristown, Ill. Memorial contributions may be directed to First United Methodist Church Memorial, 1203 E. 7th St. Auburn, IN 46706. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Gladys was born December 8, 1912, in Macon County, Ill., to William Asberry Hays and Mamie Eulalia (Hinsey) Hays. Gladys graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in Decatur, Ill., in 1931. She married Ornan A. Williams December 8, 1933. He died September 1, 1989. She lived in Decatur, Ill., until she moved to Auburn, Ind., in 2001.

She was a longtime member of Peoples Church of God in Decatur, Ill., where she served as president of the Women of the Church of God for six years and, along with her husband, as a youth teacher and counselor for eight years. After moving to Auburn, Ind., she was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, eventually transferring her membership to First United Methodist Church in order to attend services with her son and daughter-in-law until the time of her passing.

She had a love for gospel music and was an avid reader. Over the years, she developed a great interest in politics and sports ' especially for the Chicago Cubs. Gladys was a staunch Christian who loved the Lord with all that was in her. She was known to be a caring friend to those around her.

She is survived by three children, Ornan Dale (wife, Maureen) Williams of Auburn,



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Ind.; Edwin Keith (wife, Shirley) Williams of Aurora, Colo.; Ben Eugene (wife, Karen) Williams of Darley, England; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Mamie Hays; brothers William Clarence Hays and Walter Dean Hays; sister Pearl Irene Hays; husband Ornan A. Williams; daughter-in-law E. Jane Williams and grandson Brian Williams.



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MM

Mary Maxedon posted:

I knew Gladys, Ornan, Keith and Eugene from Peoples Church of God. Gladys and Ornan were my Sunday School teachers when I was 14. When a fellow class mate at church, Mike England drowned, I was devastated. We were friends. Gladys was there at his funeral and took me in her arms and held me and let me cry. She understood my grief. I can remember them being there all the time I was growing up. Beautiful people, beautiful family. I loved them. They were a great example of Christ's love. Now they are in heaven with my wonderful mother, Eva Mae Maxedon. Also Martha Maxedon, my sister in law is a cousin to Gladys. Our love and gratitude to have know them is sent from the Lawrence and Eva Mae Maxedon family.

October 8 at 8:26 AM

RB

Roger/Karen Brewer posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go with you Dale and the family as you grieve in the days and weeks ahead. It is never easy to lose a mother regardless of age. She sounded like a wonderful Christian example to those who loved her dearly. That is so important in today's world. God bless you all.

October 6 at 11:30 AM

JV

Jim Vincent posted:

Dale —I would like to extend my sympathies on the death of your mother. It sounds like she was a wonderful person.JimAC '58

October 6 at 9:33 AM

DS

Duane Stukins posted:

I was one of the youth at Peoples Church of God when Ornan and Gladys were there. I had the extreme pleasure of attending classes they both taught as well as get counselling from Gladys on more than one occasion. I always looked forward to seeing Gladys and Ornan every Sunday at church as well as feel the love she had for everyone. I know Gladys is with Ornan now in Heaven. I'm so sorry I can not attend the services, but I had made arrangements to help a cousin in Florida for a until the end of November. Be assured of my prayers. I still have the rock that Chris gave me at Ornan's funeral and I pray for all of you daily. I will miss Gladys, but am sure she is with Ornan smiling at all of us from Heaven.

October 6 at 8:02 AM



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Paul Meredith posted:

I was Gladys' newspaper carrier in Decatur for three years in the late 1940s. I graduated high school with my good friend, Gladys' son, Dale. We all know where Gladys is now—in that eternal place where we all want to be someday. My sincere condolences and blessings to the entire family.

October 5 at 12:06 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gladys by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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