



Obituary

Born: Saturday, June 23, 1917

Died: Monday, February 28, 2011

Julia Belle (Ballard) Welling

June 23, 1917 – February 28, 2011

Service Summary

Visitation

3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Fri Mar 04, 2011

Location: - *Not available* -

Funeral Service

1:00 PM Sat Mar 05, 2011

Location: - *Not available* -

Julia Bellsora Ballard Welling, 93, died peacefully on Monday, February 28, 2011 at Healthwin Specialized Care Facility in South Bend, Indiana. She had had the opportunity to remember and express her love to her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and was surrounded by loved ones at the time of her passing.

Julia was born near Welda, Kansas on June 23, 1917, to George and Nora (Johnson) Ballard. Her dear sister, Maxine, was born in 1918. Julia graduated from Lone Elm High School at age 16, attended Pittsburg State Teachers College, and was employed as the teacher of a one-room school in the Welda community by age 18. Julia was privileged to teach the local schoolchildren, including some of her cousins.

She and her sister left their teaching assignments in 1942 to go to California to assist with the war efforts in San Diego. Julia met her future husband, Arthur I. Welling, in transit to California. He was enlisted in the Army Air Corps. Arthur and Julia were married in Logansport, Indiana, on October 5, 1944. Arthur died on May 16, 1993.

After World War II ended Arthur returned to work at Bendix Corporation. Five children were born to the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Welling raised their family in the church; first at Indiana Avenue Christian Church and later at First Baptist Church of South Bend. Julia was active in a variety of roles, supporting the work of each congregation.

In 1965 Julia returned to teaching. She taught at Muessel,

Darden, and Marshall Elementary Schools in the South Bend Community Schools before retiring. She took great pride in her profession, her colleagues, and, of course, her students. Many of her students may remember her for teaching them to love reading, learn by doing, and “being nice to others.”

Arthur and Julia were proud of the accomplishments and service of their children and grandchildren made possible through education. James K. and Judith Welling are the parents of J.J. and Jamey (Colin) Harding. William B. and Julie Welling are the parents of Kristin and Matthew (Amanda) Welling and grandparents of William. Janene and Robert Edwards are the parents of Jase, Jonathan (Ashley), Chad (Jen) Edwards and the grandparents of Jordan, Abby, and Benjamin. Carol and David Stuart are the parents of Jessica, Samuel, and Daniel. Dale and Beth Welling are the parents of Lauren, Luke, Elle, Josh, and Zach.

Julia dearly loved the children of her sister Maxine Lynch, Sheryll (Dennis) Harper and Judy Baker and their children and those of her brothers and sisters-in-law Frances (Fred) Shives, Paul (Ines) Welling, Leon (June) Welling, and Flossie (George) Emmons. She was also fond of many of the young people she met as her children grew up in South Bend.

Later in life she enjoyed the friendships of residents and staff at St. Paul’s Retirement Community, Southfield Village, and Healthwin Specialized Care Facility. The Welling family is especially grateful for the sensitive “end of life” care provided at Memorial Hospital and Healthwin and the support of Harbor Lights Hospice in her final hours.

Julia B. Welling was truly a lifelong learner (and teacher). She taught herself to paint after her ninetieth birthday; delighted in reading on a variety of topics; studying the Bible; and teaching young people to sew, crochet, or cook.

Julia’s family invites friends to celebrate her life at the Welsheimer Family Funeral Home North, 17033 Cleveland Rd. where the family will greet friends from 3 until 7 p.m. on Friday, March 4th. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday March 5th in First Baptist Church, 3010 S. Ironwood Dr. Burial will follow in Southlawn Cemetery.

Julia's life of service to her faith, her family, and her community will have an enduring effect on all who knew her. May she rest in peace after a life well lived.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church.

Family and friends may leave e-mail condolences at www.welsheimer.com.

Charitable donations may be made in Julia's memory to the following organization:

First Baptist Church
3010 S. Ironwood Dr., South Bend, IN, 46614