



Ethyl Richards

February 13, 1921 - October 5, 2009

ADRIAN – Ethyl L. Richards, age 88, of Adrian, passed away Monday, October 5, 2009 at her home under the loving care of her family and Hospice of Lenawee.

Ethyl was born February 13, 1921 in Adrian, the daughter of Lawrence and Lucy (Wilkinson) Gallaway. She was invited to attend the Henry Ford High School in Macon where she graduated from in 1940. While attending high school, she went daily to Dearborn for organ lessons. Upon her graduation, Henry Ford hired Ethyl as an organist for the Martha Mary Chapel in Macon.

On August 2, 1941, Ethyl married Roger W. Richards at the Martha Mary Chapel. Roger and Ethyl celebrated 44 years of marriage prior to his death in 1986.

For 50 years Ethyl was the organist for the Holloway Presbyterian Church, retiring in 1997. A faithful member of the church, Ethyl served as an Elder, Benevolence Treasurer, and assisted with Worship Committee and countless dinners and meetings. She also worked as a receptionist for Dr. George Wynn and Dr. Michael Worzniak, where she retired in 1983.

Ethyl is survived by two daughters, Linda (Leland) Green of Palm Coast, FL and Judy Disbrow of Adrian; son-in-law, Jim (Geraldine) Harris of Adrian; eight

grandchildren: Kimberly (Daryl) Thurman, Karla (Herbert) Jordan, Larry (Stephanie) Harris, Jodi (Christian) Ray, Kari (Brian) Rock, Trudy (Kurt) Weddington, Cindy (Henry) Pieplow, and Sidney Disbrow; 11 great grandchildren, Krista, Brian, Patrick Jameson, Brittany, Kendra, Jonathon, Madelynn, Emily, Annabelle, Charlie, and Olivia; brother, Richard (Gloria) Gallaway of Adrian; and sisters, Ruth (Ray) Pitts of Coldwater and Elizabeth (Milo) Bishop of Leesburg, FL.

In addition to her husband, Ethyl was preceded in death by a daughter, Karen Harris; grandson, Rodney Disbrow; and sisters, Phyllis Payne, Roberta Harmes, and Janet Nelson.

The funeral service for Ethyl will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 9, 2009 at Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Bidwell officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Friends may visit the family at the funeral home on Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. You may also send condolences to the family at www.wagleyfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Ethyl may be made to Hospice of Lenawee. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home.

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“ With sincere sympathy to Ethyl's family. Brent and I enjoyed as so many did the beautiful music that she shared at the organ. I also will miss her smile and genuine caring for others. Love Sue Salt###imported-begin##Sue Salt###imported-end##

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“ Ethyl was a very kind, thoughtful and charming lady. I first met her many years ago at my doctor's office. She always greeted patients warmly and was very efficient in her job. In later years, I was privileged to reconnect with Ethyl through family connections. I always enjoyed talking with her and sharing her positive attitude. My husband joins me, in sending our thoughts and prayers to Ethyl's family. Many you treasure your memories. Sincerely, Sue & Paul###imported-begin##Sue Nelson###imported-end##

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“ Aunt Ethyl touched the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to have her in their life. We have many great memories and look forward to the day we will be together again to continue with all the stories. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of her family.###imported-begin##With Loving Thoughts and Prayers Gene & Deb Trotter###imported-end##

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“ Weze was the most kindest, thoughtful, positive, and loving sister anyone could ask for. We will miss her dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. All of our Love, Uncle Milo and Aunt Bib###imported-begin##Uncle Milo and Aunt Bib###imported-end##

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“ To the friends and family,

My deepest sympathies go to the friends and family of Ethyl. I only had the pleasure of visiting with Ethyl a few times during my college years and she had proven to be one of the most selfless, giving, and kindhearted person I have ever met.

Ethyl will be in my prayers.

With greatest sympathy,

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