Ruth Richards

RUTH MILDRED RICHARDS
March 28, 1914 - May 17, 2005
Ruth Mildred (Coleman) Richards, 91, Anderson, died 10:50 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2005, at Country Side Manor in Anderson following an extended illness. She was born March 28, 1914, in Bunker Hill, a daughter of Ira and Lottie (Moore) Coleman. On Dec. 12, 1934, she married Clifford Richards and he survives. She was a 1934 graduate of Bunker Hill High School. She lived in Howard, Miami and Clinton counties until 1946 and then moved to Eastern Kentucky until 1971. She was a homemaker and a seamstress and she worked in the kitchen at Kentucky Mountain Bible College for 10 years and seven of those years she was the head dietitian. In 1971, she and her husband moved to Port Republic, N.J., to help with the Christian Day School. She worked with the preschool as an aide and hosted missionaries. She retired in 1976 and she and her husband then moved to Anderson. She was a member of Southdale Church of the Nazarene. She was an awesome wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandma. Surviving along with her husband of 70 years, Cliff Richards, are one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Jane Richards, Wichita, Kan; two daughters and a son-in-law, Princess Johnson, Anderson, and Karen and David Lowry, Middletown; eight grandchildren, Michelle Cramer and Melanie Coffee, both of Anderson, Lisa Newway and Kirk Richards, both of Wichita, Kan., Robin Lowry and Angie Lowry, both of New Castle, Amanda Lowry, Anderson, and Becky Osthelmer, Santa Fe, Texas; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Pearl Mays, Frankfort, and Norma Spangler, Kokomo; and one brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Betty Coleman of Tennessee.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Dorothy Coleman and Mable Graham; two brothers, Walter and Harold Coleman; a son-in-law, Jim Johnson; and a great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn Lowry. Anderson services are 7 p.m. today at Southdale Church of the Nazarene, 530 W. 53rd St., with Pastor Randy James officiating. Friends may call one hour before the service. Russiaville services are 11 a.m. Friday at Stout & Son Funeral Home, 200 E. Main St., with calling one hour before the service. Burial will follow at New London Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sakeuh Ministries for People in Libera with envelopes available at the services.

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