



Nell A. Bedford

May 26, 1920 - May 16, 2015

Nell A. Bedford, 94, of Indianapolis, went home to be with the Lord on the evening of Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Franciscan St. Francis Health in Indianapolis.

She was born May 26, 1920 in Giles County, Tennessee, a daughter of the late James W. and Lennie Bell (Boatwright) White.

Nell was a star basketball player on her Bodenham High School team helping them win the Tennessee State Girls Basketball Championship. After graduating from business college, Nell worked as a secretary for many years and as a store manager for Goodwill. She retired at the age of 83 after working for more than 30 years as head custodian of Roncalli High School in Indianapolis. She also volunteered many hours at Nazarene Christian School, tutoring, cooking and assisting with secretarial responsibilities.

Nell was a quiet person but quick witted. She loved God and serving others. She was a member of Independent Nazarene Church in Beech Grove and served as secretary of the church board for 40 years. Nell was an avid gardener and loved sharing her produce with others. She loved flowers and planted many both at her home and church. Nell enjoyed making quilts, crocheting blankets, and making and redressing dolls. She kept her mind sharp with crossword puzzles and exercised daily until well into her nineties.

She is survived by six children, Betty Jo (husband: Eugene) Smith of Indianapolis, Billy Ray (wife: Barbara) Bedford of Peoria, IL, Nancy Ann (husband: Arn) Vallejo of Indianapolis, Robert Neil (wife: Linda) Bedford of Seminole, FL, Linda Nell (husband: Tom) Davis of Greenwood and Patricia Mae (husband: Charles) Smith of Nebraska City, Nebraska; 15 grandchildren, Brent (wife: Wendy) Smith, Jayme (husband: Kevin) Harvey, Marcia (husband: Steve) Mattern, Amber (husband: Josh) Ray, Roxanne (husband: Chris) Wilmington, Sandra (husband: Timothy) Herrington, Teri (husband: Jeff) Messner, Shonna Bedford, Michelle Adam, Maricki (husband: Brett) DuFoe, Cory (wife: Melissa) Rotert, Bradley Smith, Charla (husband: Chris) Hysom, and Patrick Smith; 36 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Claude Elmer White and James A. "Ben" White and a sister, Anne Marie "Pete" Adams and a grandson, Shane Robert Smith.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 23, 2015 at Independent Nazarene Church, 5152 Hornet Ave. Beech Grove, IN, 46017, with Pastor Richard Gremillion and Pastor Edwin Tomes officiating. Entombment will follow in Washington Park East Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4 – 8 pm. Friday at the church and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Independent Nazarene Church. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Nell Bedford.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 East Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Independent Nazarene Church
5152 Hornet Ave.
Beech Grove, IN 46107

Visitation

MAY 23. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Independent Nazarene Church
5152 Hornet Ave.
Beech Grove, IN 46107

Service

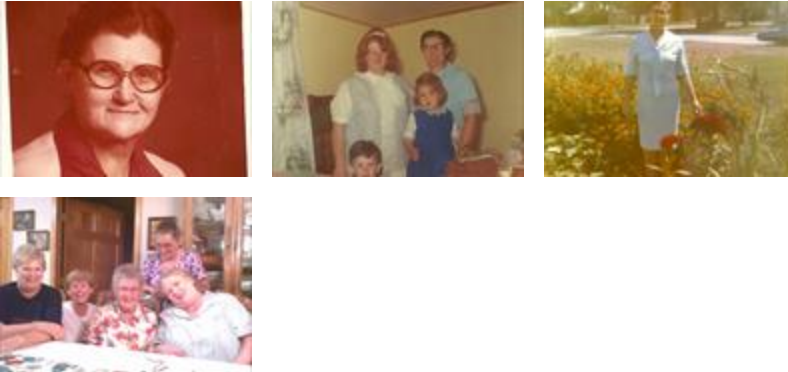
MAY 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

Independent Nazarene Church
5152 Hornet Ave.
Beech Grove, IN 46107

Tribute Wall

BS

“ 4 files added to the album Memories



brad smith - January 17, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Nell A. Bedford.



May 20, 2015 at 04:56 PM

FM

“ Sis Bedford will always be remembered as a Christian lady whose sincerity and consistency were unquestioned, it is a joy to have known her and look forward to seeing her again. No doubt she and Sis Steadman are rejoicing together today.

Fred Moore - May 19, 2015 at 09:41 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nell A. Bedford.



May 19, 2015 at 08:36 AM



“ We only met her once, I think, but she was a sweet lady. Wish we could have gotten to know her better. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with the family. Jack and Jan Nash

Jack and Jan Nash - May 19, 2015 at 06:15 AM



“ Jayme and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss, my thoughts are with you all at this difficult time. Sending a hug from across the ocean. Vanessa Spaldin

Vanessa Spaldin - May 19, 2015 at 03:50 AM



“ I remember having sleepovers at her house as a teenager. I always enjoyed her. She was so pleasant. Over the years I wondered how she was doing. After becoming facebook friends with Bob I was able to keep track of her. By all accounts she was well loved by all and will be miss.

Sherry (Williams) Arnold

Sherry Arnold - May 18, 2015 at 07:57 PM

DH

What a wonderful Christian lady!! I knew her from my teenage years. She was a faithful servant, working in a camp kitchen. She was very patient with everyone. At times, life was tough for her, but she kept a beautiful spirit. She was a wonderful mother, admired by all of us. She was a sweetheart, especially when she became a grandmother, very proud of her grandchildren, two of them who are also my grandchildren, she was a special role model for them and they have also grown spiritually, because of her. She was greatly loved by all of, and will be missed so very much!!

Donna Harvey - May 21, 2015 at 09:16 PM

 Wendy Gallegos

“ *I remember when I was in school at GBS and came home for the weekend despite a huge ice storm. Finally after reaching home I found all the power to be out and my folks out of town. The idea of not having a hot shower or warm place to stay didn't sit well with me or the friend I had brought home with me that weekend. Some how Ms Bedford heard about our troubles and welcomed us in her home for the night so we could stay warm and kept that weekend trip from being a disaster. I will always remember her kindness and warm hospitality. Praying for your family as you walk through this time of sorrow.*

Wendy Gallegos - May 18, 2015 at 06:14 PM

KE

“ *1 file added to the album Memories*



Kevin - May 18, 2015 at 05:54 PM

SA

“ Sherry A. purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Nell A. Bedford.



Sherry A. - May 18, 2015 at 04:18 PM