



## Esther Welsh Roberts

May 13, 1918 - May 31, 2012

Esther Welsh Roberts, 94, of Bourbonnais, professor emeritus at Olivet Nazarene University, passed away Thursday (May 31, 2012) at Provena Heritage Village in Kankakee. Visitation for Esther will be from 10 a.m. Tuesday until the 11 a.m. funeral services at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. / 12 p.m. EST Wednesday at the Huntsville Cemetery in Huntsville, Ohio. Pastor Phillip T. Dorries of the Limestone Community Church of the Nazarene will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Limestone Community Church of the Nazarene or to the Esther and Carl Roberts Scholarship Fund at Olivet Nazarene University. Esther was born May 13, 1918, in Ironton, Ohio, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Howard Welsh. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in education in 1940 and her Master of Arts degree in 1946 from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. She was a member of the business education honorary fraternities Pi Omega Pi and Delta Pi Epsilon. Prior to coming to Olivet, she taught two years in business college and five years in the public schools of Ohio. She came to Olivet in 1947 and retired in 1981. In addition to teaching accounting and secretarial subjects, she taught methods courses and supervised teachers in business education. She was co-sponsor of the Business Club for several years and, for many years, chairwoman of the United Way at Olivet. She married the Rev. Carl H. Roberts on Feb. 2, 1957, in Columbus, Ohio. They pastored 11 years at the Blue Island Church of the Nazarene and five years at the Aroma Park Church of

the Nazarene. After her husband's retirement, they served as associate pastor for six years at the Wilmington Church of the Nazarene. She was active in the Chicago Central District Missionary Society, where she served as treasurer for 16 years. She was a delegate to the General Missionary Conventions for five years, and was awarded a Distinguished Service Award for her missionary services. She was currently a member of Limestone Community Church of the Nazarene. Esther was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Carl Roberts, Aug. 1, 1994; her parents, three brothers, and four sisters. She was a great-great grandmother, aunt and friend to many.

Memorial may be made to Limestone Community Church of the Nazarene or The Esther and Carl Roberts Scholarship Fund at Olivet Nazarene University.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KL

“ I really enjoyed the time I spent with Esther at Heritage Village her smile and joking around always put a smile on my face.

Katie Longtin - June 05, 2012 at 02:17 PM

WD

“ Esther was a wonderful woman, her little giggles always made my day at Bickford.

Winnie Dockery - June 04, 2012 at 11:07 PM

KD

“ Mrs. Roberts supervised my student teaching in 1970. She was a wonderful Christian lady and a great teacher.

Kim DesLauriers - June 04, 2012 at 10:04 PM



“ Vicki Cobb sent a virtual gift in memory of Esther Welsh Roberts



vicki cobb - June 03, 2012 at 06:31 PM

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“ Dear Vera, Dave, and Esther's Pastor, Family and Friends, My sympathy goes out to each of you over the passing of Esther. What a miraculous turn around Esther had with living several weeks after things were not looking very good. I think Esther held on to celebrate her 94th Birthday and to stay with each of you as you came to visit with Esther, daily. I enjoyed my visits with Esther. There were times where Esther's smiles, sense of humor, gratefulness for my visits, and just her spirit of bringing joy to others enriched my ministry. Meeting Esther's friends and her pastor were always a real pleasure. Such devotion and compassion that each of you gave so freely and willingly to Esther. How blessed to be such a good caring long lasting friend to Esther for numerous years. Thank you for always welcoming me anytime we visited and talked at Provena Heritage Village. Many blessings of comfort, healing, and strength as you continue to remember Esther each day. What a gift and blessing Esther gave me each and everytime I was in the pleasure of Esther's company.  
Blessings of peace to each of you,  
Chaplain Carole R. DiZeo  
Director of Pastoral Care at Provena Heritage Village

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**Chaplain Carole R. DiZeo** - June 02, 2012 at 08:02 PM

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“ Angi Ahrens lit a candle in memory of Esther  
Welsh Roberts



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**Angi Ahrens** - June 01, 2012 at 05:43 PM