



Ilene Mae Whitis

November 24, 1922 - January 8, 2008

Ilene Whitis -- Bourbonnais Ilene Mae Whitis, 85, of Bourbonnais, died Tuesday (Jan. 8, 2008) at her home. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. Thursday until the 7 p.m. services at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. The Rev. Brad Buhro will officiate. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. (EST) Friday in Pleasant View Union Cemetery, Fayette, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Noel and Ilene Whitis Scholarship Fund at Olivet Nazarene University. Mrs. Whitis was a wife, mother, teacher, counselor and friend. She was born Nov. 24, 1922, in Jerry City, Ohio, the daughter of the Rev. James J. and Lavina Taylor Spengler. She spent time in China where her parents were missionaries. Following graduation from Chesterfield High School in 1941, she earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Findlay in 1962 and a master's degree at the University of Toledo in 1968. On Dec. 31, 1941, in Fayette, Ohio, she married Noel Whitis Sr., a graduate of Olivet Nazarene College. Together they served Nazarene churches at New Richmond, St. Paris, New Hampshire, Dayton, Findlay, and Fayette, all in Ohio. She had belonged to the Church of the Nazarene in Ohio and in Indiana. Surviving are her husband of 66 years, Noel Lee Whitis Sr. of Bourbonnais; two sons and daughters-in-law, Noel Jr. and Judy (Davidson) Whitis of Bourbonnais, James and Cindy (Jenkins) Whitis of Indianapolis, Ind.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Natalie and Dennis Buhro of Kendallville, Ind., Cheryl and Mark Smith of Bourbonnais; 10 grandchildren and spouses, including Matt and Amy (Cserep) Whitis of Bourbonnais, Gregg Whitis of Ann

Arbor, Mich., Brad and Michelle (Lafevor) Buhro of Middletown, Ind., Josh and Jessica (Brosman) Buhro of Kendallville, Ind., Jennifer Smith of London, England, Jessica (Smith) and Andy Corbus of Bourbonnais, Hillary Smith of Nashville, Tenn., Alisa, Scott, and Laura Mossbarger, all of Indianapolis, Ind.; and 11 great-grandchildren, Hope, Hannah, and Luke Whitis, all of Bourbonnais, Brenden, Brett, Bryce, Brock, and Mackenzie Buhro, all of Middletown, Ind., and Grey, Emma, and Kate Corbus, all of Bourbonnais. Deceased are her parents and one brother, Ed Spangler.

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“ *Brad, we are thinking of you during this time...I will always appreciate your testimony about grandma last Sunday.

God Bless you and know we love you##imported-begin##marty ballard##imported-end##*

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“ *Our deepest condolences. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Zach & Kristen Wolf##imported-end##*

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“ *As we have learned over the years from Joshua, we know how much Grandma Whitis meant to all of you. Our thoughts and prayers go out to not only the Buhro families but also the rest of the family. We will keep you all close to our hearts at this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Charles and Judy Wolf##imported-end##*

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“ Ilene has completed her journey and well done. ĩċ½She has left many good memories and will be greatly missed. ĩċ½I Would like to extend our sympathy to the rest of the family. ĩċ½

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“ Ilene was one of the best influences in my life! Love and prayers to you all.###imported-begin###Barbara Gibbs###imported-end###

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“ It is a wonderful heritage that Ilene has provided her children, grandchildren and preachers' kids like me! ĩċ½I feel the loss just reading that Ilene has gone home to be with Jesus. ĩċ½I know the Lord will provide comfort, and eventually joy that such a saintly woman was a part of their life!###imported-begin###Sharon Hough Granger###imported-end###

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