



## Ruby E. McCall

July 15, 1913 - June 25, 2006

Ruby Etherton McCall, age 92 years, a resident of Carbondale, Illinois died on Sunday, June 25, 2006 at 10:30 PM at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

She was born in Murphysboro, Illinois on July 15, 1913 to William H. and Mary (Witboard) Etherton. She graduated from Murphysboro Township High School and Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Later, in 1960, she received a Masters Degree in Special Education from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

On June 6, 1937 she married Robert A. McCall. He survives. She is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Robert Grant of Walnut Creek, California; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Clare McCall of Carbondale and four grandchildren: Catherine Grant and husband Roger Bartlett, of Boston Massachusetts; Jennifer Grant and husband Andrew Stack of Redwood City, California; Ian McCall and Robin McCall of Carbondale; and one great grandson Zachary Stack of Redwood City, California. Her parents, four brothers, and two sisters preceded her in death.

Mrs. McCall was a retired schoolteacher. Before getting married, she taught four years at Lincoln School in Murphysboro, Illinois, and then, after taking a break until her own children were of school age, she taught Special Education for nineteen years in the Muncie, Indiana City Schools (1957-1976) and for twelve of those years, taught a Practicum in Special Education at Ball State University during the summer sessions. She served as President of the Eastern Indiana Council for Exceptional Children, and as President of the Ball

State University's Women's Club. She was a member of Pi Lambda Theta, national Education Honorary Fraternity.

In addition to teaching, when first married and living in New York City, she worked at Macy's Department Store. She then worked as a Playground Supervisor in Children's World at the New York World's Fair, and later became Director of Programs for the Younger Girls Divisions at the Flushing, Long Island Y.

In 1976 she and her husband left Muncie and moved to rural Johnson County Illinois to be near his parents. She soon became involved in volunteer work, serving in the Latch Key program and Adult Literacy Program both in Marion, Illinois, and also in the Goreville Senior Center where she taught classes and served in various leadership roles. In 1994-1995 she served as Program Chairman for the Johnson County Association of retired Teachers. In 1990 she, and her husband were honored by the AARP for their outstanding volunteer leadership in the Community.

In October 1996 Mrs. McCall and her husband moved from their rural home to Carbondale, Illinois where she resided until her death. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Carbondale.

A Memorial service will be held Saturday, July 1, 2006 at 2 PM at the First United Methodist Church, 214 West Main Street, Carbondale, IL 62901. A reception will be held in the Church parlor following the service. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations may be given to Partners with the Future Campaign at the First United Methodist Church of Carbondale.

# Tribute Wall



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