



Helen Burgess McVey

February 5, 2013

Helen Louise Burgess

McVey, 92, died February 5 at home in Lebanon with her husband of 72 years,

James F. McVey, and her three children at her side. Helen graduated from Lebanon High School in

1938 and married Jim two years later. With the exception of a few brief periods during WWII and in the early

1950s, Helen has lived in Lebanon. Born

April 18, 1920, Helen was the fourth of five children of William and Idyllwynn (Bogart)

Burgess. While still in high

school, Helen worked for her brother, Keith (Bud) Burgess, at the Burgess Grill

and over the years worked for a number of other Lebanon firms,

including Pioneer Equitable Insurance Company, Delpark Filters and Lau Division

of Philips Industries. She retired from Lau in 1985. A lover of travel and learning, Helen saw all of

the 50 states while traveling with husband Jim and their children. Helen and Jim were motorcycling enthusiasts who biked to both coasts and made numerous

other motorcycle trips over the years. Their first major motorcycle trip was in

1941, when they traveled 2400 miles along the East Coast, and their last major motorcycle trip occurred in 1982 when they traveled from Lebanon to the West Coast on a 6,600 mile trip. After retiring, they routinely rode their motorcycle to Chicago, Michigan, New Jersey and Colorado to visit their children and grandchildren. In 1988, Helen and Jim took a long-dreamed-of three-month van trip around the perimeter of the U.S., always taking the road closest to the border, even if it was little more than a dirt track. Three years later they took a 2-1/2 month driving trip through Alaska. Interested in other cultures and sights outside the U.S., they also traveled to Canada, England, Australia, New Zealand, China, and various countries in Continental Europe. Helen was a member of Centenary Methodist Church, Tri Kappa, and Daughters of the American Revolution. Helen is survived by her husband James F. McVey; children Bill (wife Leoni), Rick, and Jean Ellen (husband Dan); grandchildren Jennifer (partner Susan), Melanie, Mark (wife Elizabeth), and Alana; great grandson Andrew; sister-in-law Virginia Burgess; nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her four brothers and sisters: George M. Burgess, Sybil E. Perkins, E. Keith Burgess, and Elizabeth J. Burgess. Visitation will be at Myers Mortuary, 1502 N. Lebanon Street, Lebanon, Indiana on Friday, February 8 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Funeral services will be conducted at Centenary Methodist Church, 910 Fordice Road, Lebanon at 2:00 pm on Saturday, February 9. Interment will take place at Oak Hill Cemetery immediately following Saturday's service.

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Burgess McVey*

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