



## Jewell Smith

September 8, 1920 - September 13, 2006

Jewell Via Smith, 86, of Evansville, died Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at Parkview Care Center.

She was born on September 8, 1920 near Beckley, West Virginia to the late Burgia (Earles) and George E. Via. She was preceded in death by her husband of over 50 years, William J. Smith, Jr., in 1993, and daughter, June E. Chasteen in 1995.

She is survived by her son, William J. (Will) Smith, III and wife, Kay Forbes-Smith, and granddaughter Lauren Smith, of Evansville; sisters, Joy Foster and Hope Shrewsbury, and brothers, David Via, George Via, and Jack Via, all of Virginia.

The wife of a career military officer and civil servant, Jewell lived and traveled throughout North America and Europe. She spent 15 years in Evansville beginning in the mid 1960's when her husband worked in administration at the Evansville State Hospital. Following his retirement, they lived in Christiansburg, VA and later, Clarksville, TN. She moved back to Evansville in 1996.

She was a genealogist and her extensive collection of research materials was bequeathed to Evansville's Willard Library. She also enjoyed playing bridge,

and was an officer in various Evansville contract and duplicate bridge clubs at one time or another.

Pierre Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Private memorial services are pending and will be held in Christiansburg, Virginia.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jewell Smith*

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