



Mary C. Humbach

November 30, 2012

Mary C. Humbach, age 94 of Hamilton, Ohio passed away November 30, 2012 at Fort Hamilton Hospital following a short illness. Mary was born August 1, 1918 in Aurora, Indiana, the daughter of John S. Jewett and Florence Bailey Jewett. A graduate of Miami University Mary began her teaching career in the Hamilton City Schools. However, after being confronted with the arcane rule that prohibited the marriage of women teachers, Mary chose to be with the absolute love of her life, Earl Humbach. Mary and Earl were married July 14, 1939 and continued their romance for 68 years until Earl's death in 2008. As Mary and Earl, her constant companion, journeyed through their lives, they were joined by two sons, John A. Humbach (Eva) of Mt. Vernon, New York and Thomas E. Humbach of Ross Township, Ohio. Mary was also solidly bonded with her daughter-in-law, Elaine Stacy, who was described by Mary as "The daughter I never had." As her boys grew older and the rules of society changed, Mary was able to return to teaching. Mary was truly an educator in every sense of the word and was extremely proud of the distinguishing fact that her many first graders learned to read. Her teaching career extended over 20 years at Polk, McKinley and Fillmore elementary schools. Mary was a unique and remarkable person, being conscientious, frugal and self-reliant. Mary possessed a fantastic sense of humor of the Southwest Indiana variety. Recently she mused, "You don't get this old by being just ordinary." She certainly was anything but ordinary. Mary also was blessed with a high degree of common sense while she shunned non-sense. As a result, Mary made many friends during her extremely fruitful and full-filling life. Besides Earl, Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, John S. Jewett, Jr. and her sister, Dorothy Fox. Mary is survived by her sons, her granddaughters, Kristen E. Humbach and Ann Charlotte Atwater, her grandsons, Thomas E. Humbach and Charles S. Humbach, her great-grandchildren, John James Humbach, William Xavier Humbach and Luke Patrick Atwater and her brother, Charles L. Jewett. Mary is also survived by her sister-in-law, Cledith Humbach and her niece, Nancy A. Humbach who has been extra-ordinary in her support and aid to Mary during the past several years. Nieces and nephews also surviving include Robert Fox, Jr., Susan Brown, Hugh Bacon, Carol Key, Daniel Jewett and Jennifer Alvarez; sister-in-laws, Pauline Bacon and Maxine Buchanan. The family also wishes to extend their gratitude to neighbors, Gerri Gardner and Larry Green and close friends, Julie

Houser and Carol Fischer. Visitation will be held Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at Weigel Funeral Home, 980 N.W. Washington Blvd., Hamilton, Ohio at 10:00 A.M. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 A.M. with Dr. John H. Lewis officiating. Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery.