



Barbara Yount Charles

March 23, 1924 - June 5, 2012

Barbara A. Yount Charles, 88, died June 5, 2012, at The Gardens, Fairfax, Va. She spent her final days with family and friends.

Barbara was born March 27, 1924, in Switz City, Greene County, Ind., to Merrill C. and Zelpha E. Muterspaugh Yount. She grew up in Indianapolis, and attended Butler University and University of Wisconsin (Master of Science degree). She taught biology, English and Latin in public schools. She met Searle Charles at Butler University, and they were married on June 4, 1944, in Indianapolis.

Barbara was an active leader and volunteer in civic and church organizations, including the League of Women Voters and Literacy Volunteers of America. She sang in choirs, and liked to read, garden, play games and travel. She and her family lived in Flint, Mich. (1954 to 1962), Windham and West Hartford, Conn. (1962 to 1982), Elgin, Ill. (1982 to 1987), and Corvallis (1989 to 2005). She was mother of Janne Hicks and Judith Charles of the Fairfax area, and Donald Charles of Philadelphia; sister of Marilyn Hiatt of Huron, Ohio; grandmother of Kristin Charles, Sarah Mann, and Shannon, Alan and Gwendolyn Hicks; great-grandmother of Desmond and Broderick Mann; and beloved aunt of Anne Hinton and David Hiatt.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Searle F. Charles (1923 to 2001); and eldest daughter, Lyn Ellen Charles.

A graveside service for family and friends will take place at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 15, at Oak Lawn Memorial Park in Corvallis.