



## Elizabeth S. Bishop

March 22, 1921 - August 16, 2018

Elizabeth S. (Beth) Bishop, 97, Passed away Thursday, August 16, 2018 peacefully in her home with her children by her side. She was born on March 22, 1921 in Kingston, IL to Arthur Melville and Edith Vesta (nee Aurner) Simmons. She was predeceased by her parents, brothers Phillip and Burton and son Donald. She is survived by her sister Irene Harris of New York, her children Richard (Jane) Bishop of Oconomowoc, WI and Deanne Bishop of Newport, OR and daughter in law Elizabeth Bishop of Lincoln, NE. She is also survived by Richard's children David, Katherine (Scott Newton) of Miyazaki, Japan, and Michael (Clarissa) of Eugene, OR, and Donald's children Jonathan and Matthew of Lincoln, NE. She is further survived by great-grandchildren Edwin and Evelyn of Eugene, OR and Alaina of Lincoln, NE and many nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth was a graduate of Northwestern University, where she received her BS in speech, and where she traveled with her 5-member debate team to 15 different colleges to win the national title by winning all 15 debates. In her 40's, after being hired by College of Lake County on a Friday to begin teaching 3 classes on the following Monday, she immediately enrolled in Northern Illinois University where she earned her Master's degree in Communications. She taught full time at College of Lake County for 23 years and then part time for another 8 years.

She was active in PEO and the Methodist Church. She was the Elgin District President of the United Methodist Women (UMW), the Dean of the School of Missions, and the Northern Illinois Conference President of the UMW.

Beth's connections intersected with her various interests: she belonged to several book groups, church groups, bridge groups, loved music, plays, and the symphony. And through all those communities, people felt uplifted by her interest, her generosity, her intelligence, and her optimistic spirit.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, August 20, 2018 at United Methodist Church, 429 Brainerd Ave. Libertyville, IL. A visitation will begin one hour prior to services. A private interment will be at Highland Memorial Park in Libertyville. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Libertyville Methodist Church or the College of Lake County Foundation. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).



# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 01:00PM

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United Methodist Church

429 Brainerd Ave., Libertyville, IL, US, 60048

**AUG** **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Sending sincere sympathy to the family. She was a kind hearted soul, who lived the United Methodist Women way.

Rita L. Smith, President  
North Central Jurisdiction UMW  
Past NIC-UMW President

Rita L Smith - August 29, 2018 at 06:06 PM

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“ My sincerest sympathies on the passing of Beth.....she gave so much of herself to so many and shared her love of Christ. Her smile lit up the room. She continued to serve Christ and her neighbor. We will miss her too! Prayers for all of her loved ones at this difficult time. In Christ, Debbie and Vance Nelson.

Deborah Nelson - August 20, 2018 at 09:07 AM

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“ One of the very first United Methodist Women's Studies I took was taught by Beth. The book was America, a Nation Yet to be. The study was offered to UMW study leaders at First UMC Arlington Heights. As a young woman, I remember questioning many of the things the author put forth. Beth's wisdom, encouraging me to read many things, including books with opposing view points.....and to pray for our Nation is still so true and needed now, 40 years later. In the comfort of a safe, nonjudgmental environment, we were able to really discuss things. I became an ongoing study leader in our circles and continue enjoy Mission U and the United Methodist Women Reading Program....and joying is seeing and catching up with Beth at UMW area events. I learned years later that she has been close with my husband's mother and family for decades. Small world! She was such a bright light and will be really missed. I thank God for Beth!

Deborah Nelson - August 20, 2018 at 08:59 AM

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“ Sad news but she lived a life of such energy, spirit, and generosity that good memories will carry her name forward for years. Her obit captures well her range of interests and the many family members who will miss her.

karl simmons - August 18, 2018 at 06:07 PM

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“ While attending United Methodist Women's events in the past years, I got to meet and become acquainted with 'Beth' Bishop. She was such a lovely lady and it was so nice to visit with her at these events. She was an extraordinary woman and we will miss her a great deal. Linda Priest, a member of the NIC UMW Leadership Team & Mission u Planning Team

**Linda Priest** - August 17, 2018 at 03:58 PM

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“ Dear Deanne & Richard

Please accept my deepest condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with You.

Our friendship began when Beth volunteered in Warren Newport Public Library and it grew over last 15 years. I will miss her. Most of all I will miss our luncheons, phone calls and letters.

May she Rest In Peace!

Seema Gandhi

**seema Gandhi** - August 17, 2018 at 03:41 PM