



## Ruth Davis Moutoux

December 16, 1912 - May 23, 2014

RUTH DAVIS MOUTOUX  
POSEYVILLE, INDIANA

Ruth Davis Moutoux, 101, born to Harvey D. and Nina (Jaquess) Davis on December 16, 1912, in Poseyville, Indiana, passed away Friday, May 23, 2014, at Richfield Care Center in Salem, Virginia, where she had resided since 2005.

She had been a teacher and school administrator in Evansville and Poseyville, and an active civic volunteer. She retired in 1978 from North Posey High School, where she taught generations of students to cook and sew as chair of the home economics department.

She is survived by her daughters, Suzanne (Walter) Weitz of Lakewood Ranch, Florida; Mary L. Davis, of Roanoke, Virginia; Janet (Frank) Kornegay of Kingston, Tennessee, and Martha (Brian) Steffens of Columbia, Missouri; a sister, Mary Bennett of Macomb, Illinois; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Robert Davis, in 1994, and her former husband, Alfred C. Moutoux, in 1977.

She began her teaching career in 1934, at New Harmony (Ind.) High School, after receiving a degree in home economics from the University of Wyoming. She earned a master's degree in education in 1941 from Purdue University.

She taught in Gary, Lafayette and French Lick, Indiana, before becoming an administrator with the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corp. After her marriage in 1946, she left teaching to raise four daughters. In 1961, she returned to teaching, taking the post of home economics teacher at North Posey Jr.-Sr. High School.

Ruth was born on a farm just north of Poseyville in 1912, the first child of Harvey and Nina Davis, and graduated from Poseyville High School in 1929. She first attended Southern Illinois University, but as the Great Depression deepened, she chose to finish her education at the then-free University of Wyoming in Laramie, where she lived with an aunt and uncle. While there, she helped the university set standards for baking in high-altitude settings.

She always knew she wanted to be a teacher, and was the first in her immediate family to

graduate from college.

During World War II, she worked as a rivet inspector at the former Servel plant in Evansville where "Rosies" assembled airplane wings for P-47s. She also was a 4-H leader for more than 20 years in Vanderburgh County.

She returned to Poseyville in 1972 to care for her parents. She was member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Poseyville for more than 80 years, serving as a local and district officer of United Methodist Women, worship chairman, and as a soprano in the chancel choir. She was also an active civic leader, serving as Treasurer of Poseyville's Carnegie Public Library Board and as a member of Poseyville Cemetery Board for more than a decade.

She was a member of the Daughters of American Revolution, Evansville Retired Teachers Assn., Barbershop Belles choral group, Alpha Delta Kappa teaching sorority, and Kappa Kappa Gamma social sorority.

Visitation will be 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, May 30, 2014 at Werry Funeral Home in Poseyville, Indiana. Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, May 31, 2014 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Poseyville, Indiana with burial in the Poseyville Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent in her name to St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 46 S. Cale Street, Poseyville, Indiana 47633, Posey County Community Foundation: Byron and Lila Brenton Memorial Scholarship Fund, To donate:

<https://communityfoundation.wufoo.com/forms/gifts-to-the-posey-county-community-foundation/> or Midwest Affiliate of the American Stroke Association, 208 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1500, Chicago, Illinois 60604-1242 [http://www.heart.org/idc/groups/heart-public/@wcm/@global/documents/downloadable/ucm\\_306454.pdf](http://www.heart.org/idc/groups/heart-public/@wcm/@global/documents/downloadable/ucm_306454.pdf).

# Cemetery

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## Poseyville Cemetery

166 W Main Street  
Poseyville, IN, 47633

# Events

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**MAY** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. (Poseyville)  
16 E Fletchall Avenue, Poseyville, IN, US, 47633

**MAY** **Service** 10:00AM

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St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
46 S. Cale Street, Poseyville, IN, US, 47633

# Comments

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“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Davis Moutoux.



May 29, 2014 at 08:37 PM

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“ I can honestly say she was my favorite teacher at N.P. High School! She taught me so many different things and took me under her wings! RIP MRS. MOUTOUX!!!

**Theresa (Kessler) Freeman** - May 28, 2014 at 02:05 PM

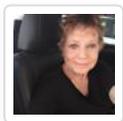
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“ Shirley Ares lit a candle in memory of Ruth Davis Moutoux



**Shirley Ares** - May 28, 2014 at 12:47 PM



“ Mrs. Moutoux was a large part of my H.S. years at North Posey. She taught me life skills and for that I will always be grateful. She is also the one that suggested that I go to culinary art school, and I did...I was in that field for 22 years. When I changed my career path to Interior Design I found myself sitting in class at the Art Institute of Houston and she crossed my mind and I thought Wow, If Mrs. Moutoux could see me now I thing she would be proud...That was in 1991, and I am still an active interior designer...I will forever be grateful for her passion to help others,especially the young people. I know for myself I carry her stamp with me 24/7

Shirley Nix... Class of 1971

**Shirley** - May 28, 2014 at 01:18 PM



“ Shirley -- thanks for such wonderful words.  
Yes, mom would be very proud of you!

**Martha Moutoux Steffens** - June 06, 2014 at 10:02 AM



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“ Still remember things she told us in Home Ec class my senior year.

marcia jones - May 27, 2014 at 11:39 AM

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“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ruth Davis Moutoux.



May 27, 2014 at 06:49 AM

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“ I still use the Oatmeal Cake recipe I learned to make in her class  
I still make my beds with the mitered corners she taught me  
I still sew like she taught me  
I still wash dishes in the correct order that she taught me  
She was a wonderful teacher  
Young people need role models and teachers like her today!  
I am so sorry for your loss  
Virginia Racine York Lloyd - Class of 1966



Jenny Lloyd - May 26, 2014 at 07:16 PM



“ She taught us skills we've used for our lifetimes--everything from how to make hospital corners of the sheets when making a proper bed, to how to set the dining table the CORRECT way, to using a rolling pin to smooth away the extra flab on the sides of our hips and upper legs. She made us smile with her humor and instilled in us much-needed discipline, with her high expectations of EACH of her students--a bias for none, while showing respect for all. Mrs. Moutoux, you were a grand lady. We will not forget you.

Karen Hostettler-Hammonds - May 29, 2014 at 08:30 AM



“ Thank you Karen and Jenny for your amazing tribute.  
Mom would have been honored that you her lessons still resonate with you today....

Martha Moutoux Steffens - June 06, 2014 at 10:04 AM