



Edna Louise Troup

November 20, 1919 - February 14, 2014

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Born: November 20, 1919 Died: February 14, 2014

Louise Troup, 94, went Home to be with the Lord on February 14 in the Reformed Presbyterian Home, Pittsburgh, PA. She was born November 20, 1919 in Columbus, Ohio, the daughter of the late Rev. William E. and Pearl Troup. Surviving are her brother and sister-in-law, Lee and Anita Troup, Concord, NC, and nearly 60 nephews and nieces.

The 1937 valedictorian of Kenmore High School in Akron, OH, she received her B.A. from Wheaton College in 1942. During her college years she and Carol Erickson Smith were involved in early formation of Pioneer Girls, which became a national Christian ministry to girls. During World War II, she and Carol worked as spectroscopists at the U.S. Steel Gary Works, Gary, IN. Louise then entered the Cadet Nursing program at Western Reserve University, receiving her M.S.N. from the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing in 1946.

She taught nursing at Western Reserve for a year, and then went to South Africa in 1947 to establish a nursing education program under The Evangelical Alliance Mission. In 1956 she joined the staff of Pioneer Girls, serving as National Field Director, then as Executive Director. Returning to

nursing in 1970, she taught at the West Suburban School of Nursing, "retiring" in 1984. She became a part time nursing instructor at the College of DuPage. Since 2000 she assisted in teaching English as Second Language (ESL), and tutored numerous immigrants preparing for their naturalization exam.

Through the Angel Tree program of Prison Fellowship, Louise became a "pen pal" with "JJ" a prisoner in Texas. Their correspondence led to a two decade association and "JJ" leads a daily Bible study with over 50 fellow prisoners.

After more than five decades in the Chicago area, she moved to Pittsburgh in November 2013, where she completed a lifetime serving Christ in nursing, teaching, management, and friendship evangelism. Her book *Glimpses of My Life Journey*, (<http://www.amazon.com/Glimpses-Life-Journey-Louise-Troup/dp/1491076267>) published in October, ends with these words from Philippians 3:10: "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His suffering."

Memorial services: February 17, 11:00 AM at Simon's Funeral Home, Pittsburgh; March 22 (tentatively) in West Chicago, IL, time and place to be determined.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **17**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Simons Funeral Home, Inc.
7720 Perry Highway
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Tribute Wall

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“ Having grown up in Kenmore (Akron, Ohio), and being raised at Goss Memorial Church, the Troup name was recognized right away, with a smile from my soul. I don't know if I ever met Mrs Troup, but I know I will meet her in heaven. I am a Pioneer Girl. I am so grateful for the program that she put together for children... probably never knowing how many lives it would impact... but only obeying God when there was a need. I cannot imagine what my life may have looked like without this program and the camps that were integrated with it. What a HUGE blessing in my life from a woman who lived a life of love and service. I can't wait to hug her and say THANK YOU!

Lori Holmgren - February 27, 2014 at 10:14 AM

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“ Ms.Troup was loved and respected by the West Suburban Hospital School of Nursing Class of '71. She touched many of our lives through her teaching, her compassion and her love of Christ. She will be fondly remembered. Peace, Prayers and Blessings to Ms. Troup's family.
Bonnie (Easterbrooks) Krist
Columbus, OH



Bonnie Krist - February 21, 2014 at 10:15 AM