

A memorial service

for

Edith Louise Fienning Morris

April 6, 1906 - August 28, 1998

Sunday, July 11, 1999, 9:00 a.m.

The Fienning Family Reunion

Norwich Lodge

Earlham College

Richmond, Indiana

Edith Louis Fienning Morris was the second child and oldest girl of George Fienning. She married Vernor Morris in 1939, and in 1941 they had twins: Frank Vernor Morris and Edith Fienning Morris Croake. Concern for family was central to her life. She was a devoted wife, mother and family member who expressed her love in countless ways.

She graduated from Morton High School, Richmond, Indiana in 1922, the Registered Nurse program at Evanston Hospital, Evanston, Illinois in 1932, followed by specialized training in Pediatrics at Children's Hospital, Boston and a two-year internship at Evanston in hospital administration. After Evanston, she lived in St. Louis, Missouri; Des Moines, Iowa; Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

Edith was a strong, bright, determined, wise and, above all, caring woman. She believed in others and encouraged them to look at the positive side of things. She was a leader in the communities in which she lived, often serving in organizations that valued concern for children, respect, resourcefulness and justice. She founded infant nurseries in St. Louis and Grosse Pointe and was consistently a leader in her church, the Girl Scouts and YWCA. She loved to garden, collect antiques and travel, especially to Europe. She had a deep pride in the Fienning Family and enjoyed telling stories that illustrated the integrity, courage, hard work and accomplishments of this family both past and present.

We miss her, but we will remember what she taught us and her love will remain with us.

Some of Edith Morris's Favorite Sayings

- "Everything works together for the good."
"You never know when there is an angel at your door."
"Everyone is entitled to a few idiosyncrasies."
"I'm having more fun than a barrel of monkeys."
"I always wanted a grandchild who loved to play the piano."
"I always wanted a red-headed grandchild."
"I have had my moments."
"All things are possible to those who believe in Him."
"Always remember that I love you."

Order of the Service

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| <i>Pachelbel Canon</i> | Johan Pachelbel
(1652 - 1706)
Caitlin Croake - piano
Sarah Croake - violin |
| Welcome | Edie Croake |
| The 23 rd Psalm | Marilyn Morris |
| <i>Hymn to Joy</i>
(Verses 1 and 3) | Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770 - 1827) |
| Her Life in Her Own Words | Dick Croake |
| To Those I Love and Those
Who Love Me | Author Unknown
Vernor Morris |
| <i>To a Wild Rose</i> | Edward McDowell
(1861 - 1908)
Sarah Croake - violin
Caitlin Croake - piano |
| Remembrances of Mom | Edith Fienning Morris Croake |
| Others' Remembrances | |
| <i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>
(Verses 1 and 4) | Martin Luther
(1483 - 1546) |

Edith F. Morris

Edith Fienning Morris, 92, formerly of Richmond, died Aug. 24, 1998, in Grosse Pointe, Mich.

She was born April 6, 1906, in Richmond. She attended Earlham College and qualified as a registered nurse in 1932 after attending Northwestern University Evanston Hospital School of Nursing.

She completed an affiliation in pediatrics at Children's Hospital in Boston. She served a two-year internship at Evanston in hospital administration. She was a member of the Chicago Council of Foreign Relations, representing the hospital.

In 1939 she married Vernor Morris and moved to St. Louis in 1944, where she started the infant nursery at Grace Methodist Church. She also was a Girl Scout board member and served as assistant director for the Interracial Day Camp in Forest Park.

She moved to Des Moines, Iowa, and served as a board member and adviser to senior Girl Scouts, coordinating their convention. She received their highest honor, the Thanks Badge. She also was vice president of the Women's Association at Westminster United Presbyterian Church. She was on the Public Affairs Committee of the Des Moines Women's Club.

Moving to Grosse Pointe in 1957, she started the infant nursery at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and was a representative of United Church Women of Detroit. She was vice president of the board of the YWCA downtown branch and secretary of the Metropolitan Board of Girl Scouts. She was a consultant for the Senior Day Care Center. She also served for 10 years as an information desk volunteer at Bon Secours Hospital.

At Grosse Pointe United Church, she was a member of the Parish Activities Council.

Survivors include her husband, Vernor; a daughter, Edith Croake; two grandchildren; two sisters, Ruth Frazel of DesPlaines, Ill., and Esther Youngflesh of Richmond; three brothers, Edward Fienning of Hilton Head, S.C., Robert Fienning of Sherman, Texas, and Rudolph Fienning of Muncie; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Frank; her sister, Martha Fienning, and brothers, Richard, George and Paul Fienning.

A private service was conducted. Burial was in Oakridge Cemetery in Marshall, Mich.

Memorials may be made to Washtenaw Community College Foundation, Frank Vernor Morris Memorial Scholarship Fund, Student Center Building Room 207, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, PO Box D1, Ann Arbor, Mich., 48106.