

Sendak, Tennessee Elisabeth Read | 1914-2011

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Funeral for Tennessee Elisabeth Read Sendak, 96, of Huntsville, Ala., is 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 11, at the Crown Hill Cemetery gothic chapel in Indianapolis with burial to follow. Visitation will be 10 a.m. to noon before the service.

Sendak died Friday, March 4, 2011, in Huntsville.

Born Dec. 20, 1914, in Ridgely, Tenn., to Thomas Peek and Laura Lucille Read, she lived in Tiptonville, Tenn., until her family moved to Paradise, where she graduated from high school.

Sendak attended Texas Woman's College and graduated with a degree in education from North Texas State Teachers College, both in Denton.

During college, she was a female vocalist for several swing bands in North Texas.

Sendak taught high school home economics in Waco and met her husband while employed as a home demonstration agent for the Taylor County Extension Service in Abilene. Married in 1942, she and her husband, Theodore L. Sendak, made their home in Indianapolis and later in Crown Point, Ind.

She taught home economics at Crown Point High School and raised their three children.

In 1969, the family moved to Indianapolis when Ted was elected attorney general of Indiana. She relocated to the Huntsville area in 2007.

Sendak was active in the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Meridian Street United Methodist Church (Indianapolis), SCORE Club of Indianapolis and the Salvation Army Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1999; brother Thomas Peek Read, Jr.; and sister Doris A. Bogart.

She is survived by children Theodore T. Sendak and wife, Christine, of Madison, Ala., Timothy R. Sendak and wife, Peggy, of Crown Point and Cynthia L. Clark and husband, Bruce, of Madison, Ala.; brother Woodard Tipton Read and wife, Mildred, of Bedford; sister-in-law Mildred Read of Decatur; brothers-in-law Bert M. Sendak and wife, Beatrice, of Munster, Ind., and Ronald M. Sendak of Virginia Beach, Va.

She is also survived by grandchildren Theodore T. Sendak Jr., Robert R. Sendak,

Matthew V. Sendak and wife, Hilary, Carrie M. Sendak, Christopher L. Robison and wife, Amber, Catherine E. Sendak and James Read Robison; two great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Theodore L. and Tennessee E. Sendak Family Fund of the Crown Point Community Foundation, P.O. Box 522, Crown Point, IN 46308, or to the Salvation Army, Indiana Divisional Headquarters, 3100 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.