

Christopher, Flora E.

MADISON—Flora E. Christopher, age 80, passed away on Friday, Aug. 23, 2002, at University Hospital, Madison, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on April 5, 1922, the daughter of Adam and Hulda (Elmer) Duerst. Flora graduated from Monticello High School in 1940. She graduated from Milwaukee State Teacher College in 1944 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. On Dec. 23, 1945, Flora married John Christopher. In June 1967 they moved to Madison, where Flora earned her masters degree from UW-Madison in 1968. She taught full-time until 1983 and then was a substitute teacher through February 2002. Flora loved being a mother to her children, being a grandmother, traveling with her husband and family, playing the piano and organ, singing, writing poetry, growing roses and other flowers, cooking, and reading to children.



She is survived by her husband of 56 years, John; two daughters, Kaye Christopher of Madison, and Jane [Brad] Hennings of Brookings, SD; granddaughter, Christy Hennings; sisters-in-law, Barbara Duerst and Faye Delvin; nieces, Deb [Dave] McNeil and Sandra (Carl) Froelich; nephew, Dan Duerst; and many other relatives and special friends.

Flora was preceded in death by her parents; parents-in-law, Frank and Essie Christopher; younger brother, Elmer Duerst; and brother-in-law, Don Delvin.

A memorial service will be held at 4 pm. on Monday, Aug. 26, 2002, at First United Methodist Church, 203 Wisconsin Ave., Madison, with the Rev. G. Keith Schroerlucke officiating. Friends may greet the family from 3:00 p.m. until the time of service on Monday at church. No flowers, please. Memorials may be made, in Flora's name, to First United Methodist Church or to a children's charity of the donor's choice.

Don 't sing of yesterday,
Yesterday is gone,
Tomorrow isn't written,
Make today your song!!

Cress Funeral Service, 3610 Speedway Road