



Earline S. Falker

February 2, 1928 - January 28, 2021

Earline Falker was a woman of God, servant to many causes, strong, independent, mother of four, a grandmother of seven, great-grandmother of five, a teacher, a world traveler, and a member of Union Memorial United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women (UMW) for nearly fifty years.

The fourth of eight children, Henry, Norah, Bobby, Russell, Elone, Lynette, and Johnny, born to William Smith and Lessie Garrett Smith, Earline Falker served as a guidebook to family, friends, and those she encountered on leading a life of strength, dignity, possibilities, and those she encountered on leading a life of and Christian compassion for others.

To Earline, education was important. She received her bachelor's in physical education from Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama, in 1949. Later she received her master's degree from Washington University in Health and Physical Education. Earline continued her education and completed most of the requirements toward a Ph.D. before stopping to concentrate on family and career.

On September 7, 1950, Earline eloped and married Eugene Lofton Falker, the love of her life. To that union were born three sons, Frederick, Keith, Wesley, and a daughter Christy. On faith and to provide for her family, she & her husband Eugene moved their family from Anderson, IN, to St. Louis, MO in 1961, where Earline took a position as a program director for Phyllis Wheatly YWCA. Later, she moved into the St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS), where she served as a physical education teacher for almost thirty years. During her tenure with the SLPS, Earline coached track and field, swimming, basketball, volleyball, and gymnastics.

After retiring from SLPS, she devoted her life to serving others. Earline Falker truly embodied the mission statement of the United Methodist Women. She indeed was a child of God, a woman of faith, and a warrior for Christ. She served faithfully in numerous capacities, including Women's Prison Ministries, the Shalom House for women suffering

from homelessness, the Kingdom House, and the Ribbon Coordinator for the Union Memorial United Methodist Women (UMW).

A world traveler, Earline traveled extensively throughout the United States, Africa, and Europe, went on over thirty cruises with dear friends, family, and alone. One of the most valued trips was to the Holy Land, where she had the opportunity to experience the places where Jesus walked and preached.

Her love of sports and family was evidenced by her attending countless basketball games from Florida to Alaska to watch her grandsons, Justin & Randal, play. Always stressing the importance of education, she traveled to attend the college graduations for each of her four adult grandchildren Aja in Ithaca, NY, Justin in Columbia, MO, Randal in Carbondale, IL and Erin in Palo Alto, CA. As a grandmother, Earline supported her youngest grandchildren's educational, physical, and spiritual growth and development through various activities.

Earline is survived by her loving youngest brother Johnny Smith, daughter Christy, sons, Frederick (Wanda), Keith, Wesley (Ann), grandchildren Aja, Justin, Randal, Erin, Keith Jr, Kourtney, and Kyle, and great-grandchildren, Brianne, Sofia, Mireille, Bennett, and Sibylla.

Events

FEB **Live Service on Facebook Premiere** 06:00PM

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Live Stream Union Memorial United Methodist Church
MO, US

Comments



“ I met Ms Falker many years ago at a Local 420 phone bank. She was always in the Labor Day Parade supporting the active teachers and the Union. Ms Falker was a true “character” and GEM,

I appreciated her support always. Her children and grandchildren were such a big part of her life. She surely is in a better place.

Amen. Amen. Amen, Ms Falker

Pat Laughlin

Pat Laughlin - February 13, 2021 at 10:02 AM



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“ Earline was a faithful member of Church Women United in Metropolitan St. Louis for many years, always contributing valuable service, attending meetings in St. Louis and Jefferson City, collecting items for Church World Service, calendars for nursing home residents, and items for women prisoners. Her van was usually filled with materials she was collecting for someone in need of them. She was always enthusiastic and especially enjoyed talking about her grandson-basketball star who played in Europe after getting his degree. She will be missed.
I'm sorry for your loss, Church Women United's loss, and mine. Mary Jane Schutzius

Mary Jane n Schutzius - February 12, 2021 at 09:10 PM



“ Mrs. Falker was my PE teacher at Southwest High! She was a tough bird and knew how to keep our class in line. I loved PE, and she was so fair and competent. I was also on her track team as a freshman. Boy that women was in great shape too! She definitely was an influence on my life and I'm glad to read she had such a full and wonderful family and life. I am so sorry for your loss of such a wonderful lady.

Bethany Green - February 12, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ Stephanie Brown lit a candle in memory of Earline S. Falker



Stephanie Brown - February 11, 2021 at 04:26 PM