



Miss Frances Irene Major

October 3, 1920 - October 9, 2013

Frances Major, 93, of Asheville died on October 9, 2013.

Born on October 3, 1920, in Piedmont, SC, to Waymon P. and Etta Flemming Major, she was one of eleven children. Five of those children went into full time Christian service.

Rev. Major graduated from Marion College, Marion, IN, and received a Masters in Education from Emory University. She became a missionary in India in November, 1946. During her forty years there, she had a great variety of assignments as teacher, school principal, and pastor of a Bengali-speaking village congregation. During her last term, she was Superintendent of the Lee Memorial Mission, Calcutta. She was an ordained minister and member of the Bengal Regional Conference of the autonomous Methodist Church in India.

Retiring in 1989, she became a resident of Brooks-Howell Home. She also became active at Oakley UMC and participated in numerous mission trips to Afghanistan, Armenia, Chili, and Haiti. In 2004 she wrote a memoir of her life in India entitled *My India Jatra (Half a Century Life in India)*.

She is survived by a brother, Rev. Roy Major and his wife, Theresa, of Watkinville, GA and a sister, Lois Ford and her husband, Mark, of Arizona.

A memorial service will be held 3:30 PM, Saturday, November 9, 2013, in the chapel of Brooks-Howell Home, Asheville. Rev. Rick Schilling, Rev. Jack Hileman, and Rev. Don Turman will officiate.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall



“ *Miss Frances Irene Major*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I wish I had known about this site earlier. Ms. Major was a force to be reckoned with, an admirable leader and a kind person. She was the Principal of Calcutta Girls High School (CGHS) in Calcutta, where I studied right from Nursery through Class XII. My mom taught at CGHS too. She gave me my first job when I had finished my 12th grade. I was to help the teachers in our Nursery and Kindergarten as an assistant. After I finished my bachelor's degree, once again I was hired, but this time as a part-time teacher until I left to start my graduate degree work. It was wonderful to stay in touch with her when I came to the USA for further studies and was lucky enough to attend her 80th birthday party in North Carolina.*

Elizabeth Chacko - June 04, 2021 at 10:08 AM



“ *Sukh Dutta lit a candle in memory of Miss Frances Irene Major*



Sukh Dutta - November 18, 2013 at 12:57 AM

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“ *Keka De lit a candle in memory of Miss Frances Irene Major*



Keka De - November 18, 2013 at 12:25 AM

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3,4 states "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away". Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death. Hope these words give you a new hope.*

Ana - October 09, 2013 at 03:03 PM