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AKRON - LaDonna M. Rader, 95, of rural Akron, passed Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019, in Wabash.

She was born on Feb. 14, 1923, in Kosciusko County, to Loyd and Zelma Meredith Summe.

She was married on Nov. 18, 1945, in the Akron United Methodist Church, to Richard C. Rader. He survives.

LaDonna was a schoolteacher, retiring after 33 years. She taught music and physical education as well as being an elementary teacher. She taught for the Akron School with the exception of one year at Laketon.

She was a 1939 graduate of Burket High School. She furthered her education at Ball State Teaching College, graduating in 1944. Then she attained her master's degree from Indiana University of Fort Wayne.

LaDonna was a member of the Akron United Methodist Church since 1946 and in earlier years she belonged to the Burket United Methodist Church. She also was a member of the Indiana State Retired Teachers Association.

She always had a strong love for music.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Rader, Akron; and a daughter, Candace Newell, Silver Lake.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Loyd and Zelma Summe; a sister, Wanda, and her husband, Robert Birmingham.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, in Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Pastor David Eaton will officiate.

Burial will be in Akron Cemetery, Akron.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, at Hartzler Funeral Home.

Memorials to Akron United Methodist Church or the American Printing House for the Blind Inc., P.O. Box 6389, Louisville, KY 40206-9932,

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