

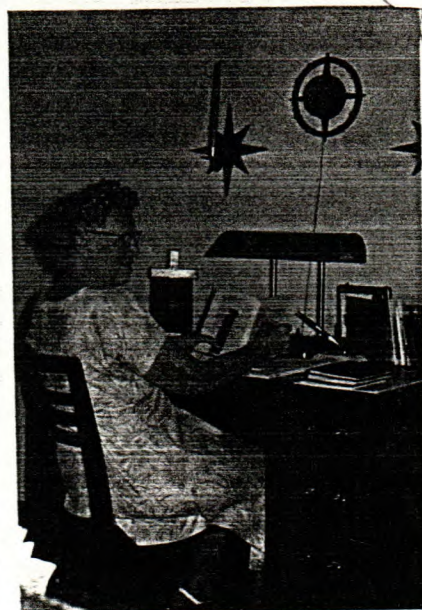
MRS. FLORENCE S. STUDEBAKER

I was born September 10, 1895 to David Marshall and Hettie Snider near Eaton, Indiana. My earliest remembrance was moving my dolls and furniture into the big new 14 room house which housed seven brothers and two sisters. Lots of excitement, thrashing days on the farm and haying. These things so enhanced me that later they became the basis for stories which to my utter amazement were published in our Brethren papers. A high point of each week was riding to church in the phaeton with my grandmother while Old Mol beat time with her tail as grandma sang "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus".

In 1911 my parents moved to northern California where my father and brother were partners in the lumbering business. During the four years I was there my mother died leaving the care of a new 7 room house, three brothers and my father to my responsibility. Back to Indiana to my childhood home, my youngest sister saw me through high school and on to Bethany in midwinter of 1915 where I enrolled in the training school in Christian Education. In 1918 my marriage to Paul B. Studebaker and with him installed into the ministry, we continued at Bethany where our first home was on fourth floor of the new apartments set aside for married couples.

Four children blessed our home: David, Paul Jr. (deceased), George L. and Gwendolyn and these in turn gave us eight grandchildren. In the regular pastoral work for nearly fifty years, I stood beside my mate through many joys and sorrows, a work I loved intensely. We often spoke of the time when one would go "home" before the other but we always said "No matter how it is we will always be together" and we are even though Paul was called home while preaching in February of 1968.

Why I chose Hillcrest: The seeds of interest grew when we went from church to church in 1965-66 with pictures and script describing Hillcrest Homes. Selling the home to others, we sold it to ourselves. So I am here where we had planned to be 'together'. The friendliness of the guests, the sincere interest in my welfare and happiness, the beauty of the surroundings all add to my feeling that the choice is wise and best for me. I moved to Hillcrest August 13, 1968.



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