

Pitt, Miriam R. M.

Miriam Rose Miller Pitt, beloved mother and friend, went to sleep in Jesus' arms June 16, 2008, at Brookewood Nursing Home in Decatur, Tenn.

The only daughter of Chalmer and Rose Gwinner Miller, she was born in Tiro, Ohio on June 9, 1935, and grew up near Lima, Ohio, where she worked the counter in the store that her parents owned. Salutatorian of her Shawnee High School class, she went on to become a proud graduate of Henry Ford School of Nursing in Detroit, Class of 1956.

On Aug. 17, 1957, she was married to Robert R. Pitt, who preceded her in death. Over the next 30 years, she worked in a number of hospitals and nursing homes in the Rochester area until her retirement. She later moved to Caseville and while caring for her parents, she attended Great Lakes Junior College. While pursuing a degree in accounting, she received numerous honors and academic achievements and served as a role model for the younger students that studied with her.

After her parents death, she lived with her daughter Suzanne and family, and became much more than just a grandma to her grandson Chris. As a military dependent, she moved frequently and lived in West Texas, Northern New York, and Laurel, Md., finally settling for several years in Odenton, Md. She was a faithful member of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Severn, Md.; sang in the choir and volunteered her time on various church projects, eventually becoming the head of the TLC Outreach project, through which she touched many lives.

In 2001, she moved to Etowah to be near her daughter Suzanne and son-in-law Greg Whitehead, and then they all moved to Ten Mile in 2005. There she was able to spend many peaceful, happy days filled with the books she loved, the Nintendo games that kept her wits sharp, and a constant parade of feathered friends that visited her feeders.

She is survived by two daughters and their families: Suzanne and Greg Whitehead of Ten Mile; and Elizabeth and Manuel Morales of Spain; several grandchildren including one special grandson, Cpl. Christopher Barnett, US Army, San Antonio, Texas; one brother, James Miller and wife Marge, formerly of Bad Axe and now of Idaho; one sister-in-law, Ann Miller, formerly of Lima and now of Tempe, Ariz.; lifelong dear friends, Doyt and Marilyn Lehman of Lima, Ohio, and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Kenneth; and dear friend, Joseph Antoszyck.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Bowers Funeral Home of Decatur, Tenn. The family will receive friends from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 19 at her home. Services and interment will be private and she will be laid to rest at home.