

## **Rutledge, Irene**

Irene Odgers Wiley Rutledge, 82, died Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at her home in Sparks, Maryland, of heart failure after a lengthy illness. Born November 16, 1923 in Avoca, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of the late William and Helen Odgers. She was the wife of the late Dr. Dale Andrew Wiley who died in 1960 and the late Dr. James Bevard Rutledge Jr. who died in 2001. Following her graduation from West Piston High School near her home in Avoca, Pennsylvania, she worked as a secretary for the FBI in Philadelphia where she volunteered in the USO during World War II. Both of her husbands were veterinarians in Jarrettsville and she worked tirelessly in support of their practices at the Jarrettsville Veterinary Hospital. As a member of Bethel Presbyterian Church, she was a Sunday school teacher, member of the choir and leader of the children's choir. She enjoyed serving as a Cub Scout den mother. She strongly supported education, was an active PTA member and officer at all of the schools attended by her eight children including North Harford Middle School and North Harford High School. She also served as a substitute teacher. In the opening years of North Harford Middle School, she wrote and produced "The Show," a sell-out musical comedy that raised funds for the school. Irene loved the beach and spent many summers and much of her final years in Ocean City, Maryland. She also lived for a time in Florida. Irene enjoyed traveling to visit her children and their families in other states. But most of all, Irene was a great mother to her eight children and nine grandchildren, passing on to them her passion for faith, education, music, antiques, arts, community and family. She is survived by eight children, Dale A. Wiley II, of Baltimore, Maryland, Linda L. Wiley, of Graysonville, Maryland, Helena I. Edie, of Jupiter, Florida, William R. Wiley, of Abingdon, Maryland, Abbie S. Yant, of San Francisco, California, Joseph N. Wiley, of Bad Axe, James B. Rutledge III, of White Hall, Maryland, and Michael J. Rutledge, of Ocean City, Maryland; nine grandchildren, Casey Wiley, of Jupiter, Florida, Sarah Wiley, of Jupiter, Florida, Ruben Dobbs, of Annapolis, Maryland, Robert Yant, of San Francisco, California, Jackson Yant, of San Francisco, California, Katherine Wiley, of Bad Axe, Jessica Wiley, of Bad Axe, Ashley Rutledge, of White Hall, Maryland, and Forrest Rutledge, of White Hall, Maryland. She was the sister of Helena Oliver of Avoca, Pennsylvania, and of the late Myrtie Manning. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, July 15, 2006, at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Madonna, Maryland. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday at Kurtz Funeral Home in Jarrettsville. Memorials may be made in her memory to the Bethel Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund.