



Helen L. Wollam

Helen L. Wollam, 101, of Pigeon passed away Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at Country Gardens in Pigeon.

She was born Feb. 25, 1913, in Niles, Ohio, the daughter of George and Lotta (Marvin) Cadwell. On March 17, 1934, she was united in marriage to Dale N. Wollam, and they enjoyed 70 years of marriage together. He preceded her in death on Jan. 2, 2005.

She graduated second in her class in 1930 from Niles McKinley High School. Due to the onset of the Great Depression, she was unable to attend college as her three older siblings did. Instead, she stayed at home and learned homemaking skills from her mother, which she excelled at all her life.

She and her husband raised their children in Niles and Warren, Ohio. After her husband's retirement from the banking profession, they moved to Largo, Florida, where they spent many happy retirement years.

Prior to their retirement, Helen spent several years as a dental assistant and several more in retail sales, making many friends along the way. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, reading, playing cards, dancing in her early years, and watching the Tigers and Lions on TV. She had a quiet faith and expressed that faith daily by giving of herself in many ways. Most of all, she loved her family and could recite all their birth dates without hesitation.

She is survived by one son, Russell (Rebecca) of Maggie Valley, North Carolina; one daughter, Betty Jo (Timothy) Doyle of Port Austin; six grandchildren, Joyce, Russell, Jeri, Richard, Robert and Jennifer; 16 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Marvin and Paul; and a sister, Mildred.

A private family memorial service is planned at a later date in Niles, Ohio.