



MARY RUTH MASSEY NICHOLS

January 13, 2014

Mary Ruth Massey Nichols went home to be with the Lord on January 13, 2014. Born January 29, 1921 to Sarah Jane Hughes and William Monroe Massey in Lynch, Kentucky. Ruth was preceded in death by her loving husband of 56 years, Rev. Jack Nichols, her daughter, Jackie Traffanstedt, her parents, sisters, Pearl Burdett, Lucille Fitts, and Almeda Evans, and brother, William Massey. She is survived by her son, Gerald (Katharine); son-in-law, Tommy Traffanstedt; Grandchildren, Connie (Gary) Garbelman, Donny (Kim) Traffanstedt, Ashley (Daphne) Nichols, and Amy (Adam) Burst; Great-grandchildren, Lacey Garbelman, Lindsey Garbelman, Dylan, Dawson, and Finley Traffanstedt, Victoria, Alexandra, and Jackson Burst and Thomas Nichols; Nephews, Homer Turner (Oma) and Bobby Gerald Strange (Alva). Ruth graduated from Lynch High School. While visiting her sister in Alabama, she met Jack and they were married in 1942. Ruth took Jackie to Michigan to live with her parents, while Jack was serving in WWII. During this time, she worked in an airplane assembly plant. After the war, the family moved back to Birmingham, Gerald was born and Ruth's life was filled with being a homemaker. She was known for being a good cook and especially her baking of cakes and candies. Jack was called into the ministry and in 1967, the Peoples Church was formed. They spent 37 years there and during that time Ruth taught Sunday School and was involved in all church activities, one of her favorites, the children's ministries. She loved sharing God's word with others. She loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Thanks

to special caregivers Glenda and Diamond Steele, and Rosa Boles for loving her and giving their special care, and to Southeast Hospice. Visitation will be Saturday, January 18, 2014 at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home from 10:00 until 11:00 AM. Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM at the Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery.