



Gladys Nelson

May 4, 1912 - December 9, 2011

Gladys Margaret Nelson, beloved child of God, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, went to be with her Lord in Eternal Glory on December 9, 2011, at the age of 99. She was born on May 4, 1912, in Henning, MN, to Andrew and Amanda Peterson, the third daughter and sixth of seven children. Her parents and all her siblings preceded her in death. She was married to John Wesley Nelson in 1942. They lived in Alameda, California, for many, many years. Gladys moved from Alameda to Charlotte in 2004 to live with her daughter, Margaret (Pinki) and son-in-law Doug Smith, who survive. She is also survived by her daughter Michele (Dennis) Mannisto, granddaughters Cynthia (David) McKay, Erin (Scotty) Wozniak and Amy (Jeremy) Michaliszyn, special nephew Gary Brannan and nine great-grandchildren. Gladys was a lovely and gracious lady. She will be greatly missed by her family and those who knew her. A gathering to celebrate her life will be held at the Pray Funeral home on Saturday, December 17, with a viewing and visitation with the family at 6:30 PM, followed by a brief memorial service at 7:00 PM. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church's "Peter's Purse Project" or the charity of your choice. Per her wishes, Gladys will be cremated, and her ashes will be scattered off the coast of California, joining those of her beloved Wes, who passed away in 1987. Friends and family may share their condolences and words of comfort online in Gladys's Book of Memories at www.prayfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Even though I never met Gladys, I just know that she had to be a special lady. Margaret, Doug and all the family, our condolences in this sad time. Our prayers are with you all.*

Pauline Borgman - December 11, 2011 at 10:53 AM

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“ *Margaret, Doug and family, Gladys was such a joy to meet and get to know while she lived here with you. A gracious lady is so true! We know this past months have been very hard for you and Gladys but the Lord was waiting for some reason which we may never know. Rest knowing your neighbors love you all and we are here if you need us. May she rest in peace. Clif and Clela*

Cliff and Clela Shults - December 10, 2011 at 05:31 PM