



Mary Simonetti Brewer

January 5, 2010

Mary Josephine Simonetti Brewer passed away peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, at her home. "Jo," as she liked to be called by her friends, was born in Suffolk and was the daughter of the late Frank Anthony and Dora McClenny Simonetti. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl C. Brewer Sr. of 62 years; a brother, James Frank Simonetti of Pensacola, Fla., and Joseph Victor Simonetti of El Paso, Texas. She was a member of Port Norfolk Baptist Church and was financial supervisor for the Portsmouth Social Service Bureau for many years. Survivors include her daughter, Cindy Brewer Harris and husband, Ray of Suffolk; a son, Earl C. Brewer Jr. and wife, Frances of Wilkesboro, N.C.; a sister-in-law, Jonnie Booker Simonetti of Pensacola, Fla., and Jeanne E. Jay of Broken Arrow, Okla.; two very loving and dear nieces, Barbara Brewer Owens of Portsmouth and Vicki Simonetti Giglio and husband, Lou of Hudson, Fla.; and a host of other extended family and friends. A special thank you to Bon Secours Hospice for their excellent care and all of her wonderful neighbors and to Debbie Jones for all the years of love and caring she has shown. She will always be remembered for being a devoted and loving wife, mother and friend. Jo loved to talk to people and never knew a stranger; she loved music, good humor and truly loved all animals. A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel, by the Rev. Terry L. Taylor. A viewing will be conducted from 1 to 2 p.m. preceding the service. The family will receive friends following the service. Entombment will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or Port Norfolk Baptist Church, 401 Broad St., Portsmouth, VA 23707.