



## Ethel Ritter Kingsworth

February 10, 2009

Mrs. Kingsworth was born Ethel Arlene Smith on October 7, 1918 to Ernest and Linnie Smith in Leaksville, North Carolina. She was married in January 1935 to William McKinley Ritter, who died at the age of 40 in September 1954 in Portsmouth, Virginia. They were the parents of three daughters: Linnie Gleanor, Shelvy Jean and Arlene Avis Ritter. She married Robert Kingsworth, of Virginia Beach in 1969, who died in a car accident in September 1969.

Ethel Kingsworth was a long time resident of Virginia Beach and much loved by her family and friends. She worked for many years as a Manager in the Real Estate business and retired in 1984. She loved to travel and for her 90th birthday in 2008, there were celebrations in her honor in Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, St. Louis and Norfolk.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Linnie Smith in 1989; daughter, Arlene Kane in May 2008; grandson, Robert Jennings Kane in October 1998; and sister, Elnora "Curley" Myers in April 2005.

She is survived by her daughters, Linnie Porter and husband, Curtis T. Porter of Kansas City, Missouri; Shelvy Wyatt and husband, James Wyatt of Newtown, Connecticut.

Her Grandchildren: Mark T. Porter and Paul C. Porter of Dallas, Texas; Terri

Legenzoff of St. Louis, Missouri, Sabrina Beane of Santa Barbara, California; Stephen Sekeres of Houston, Texas and Brianna Armstrong of Chesapeake, Virginia. Her Great-Grandchildren: Reagan and Madison Porter of Dallas; Jared, Zachary and Derek Legenzoff of St. Louis; Joshua and Destany Porter of Dallas.

Her Niece, Teresa Reid and Brother-in-law, Dudley Myers of Norfolk, Virginia. Her Sisters: Louise Newton of Bristol, Tennessee and Lorene Bailey of Eden, North Carolina.

A funeral service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Loving Funeral Home, 3225 Academy Ave. Portsmouth, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Green Lawn Memorial Gardens, Chesapeake. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall



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