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Esther E. Barnard, 93, of Fort Myers, Florida passed away on Thursday, September 1, 2011 in Fort Myers, Florida. Mrs. Barnard was born in Franklinville, New York on November 24, 1917, a daughter of the late Clayton Searle and Mina Godfrey Searle. She was the widow of Harold A. Barnard. Esther was devoted to her family. Preceding her in death besides her parents and her husband were a daughter, Verna Rayls and 2 sisters and 2 brothers. She enjoyed crocheting and once made a Hobnail bedspread which took almost 5 years to complete. She was a member of the Morningstar Baptist Church in Fort Myers. She had been a resident here since 1958 coming from Cuba, NY a community in the southern tier area of New York State. She is survived by her daughter, Laura J. Freeman of Hawthorne, FL; a son-in-law, Gene Ryals of North Fort Myers, FL; her grandchildren, Mary Jo (Ed) Holscher of Lehigh Acres, FL, Jo Marie (Tim) Larrimore of St. James City, FL, Amanda (Kevin) Kerr of North Fort Myers, FL and Amy Ryals of North Fort Myers, FL; 4 great granddaughters and 2 great grandsons and several great-great grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, September 5, 2011 at 2:00 PM in the chapel of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home. The family will be present to receive friends on Monday from 1:00-2:00 PM prior to services.



Tribute Wall

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ZI

Ziggy posted:

You get a lot of respect from me for writing these helpful articles.

January 8 at 5:47 AM

KS

Kristine Maidhof Stoner posted:

I was lucky enough to have met Esther a few times and enjoyed each visit. She had a great smile. You can tell she loved her family and was a good woman. I'm sure her family will miss her very much but will treasure all the years they were lucky enough to have her in their lives.

September 8 at 10:39 AM

MA

Maryjo posted:

This was my Grandmother, she was 93, she lived a long life and a loving life. Always there for you. I loved to listen to her stories of her life. Who would of thought my Grandmother used to play horseshoes. many things she went through in her life was hard. but I never heard her complain. She watched her mother die a very painful death, she had breast cancer and than there was not much to do but keep comfortable, which I doubt that was very succesful. after beig married 50 somthing yrs she took care of my grandfather until he passed, She told me he was stiiil there and I would hear her talk to him, I will never know if he was but am glad she felt his presence. she is now back with her family and no more pain for any of them. love you Grandma and rest in peace.

September 6 at 10:35 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Esther by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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