



Thelma B. Giddings Kauffman

July 6, 1917 - May 18, 2015

Obituary of Thelma Kauffman

Thelma B. Giddings Kauffman, 97, of Haines City, Florida, died Monday, May 18, 2015 at Tavares, FL.

She was born July 6, 1917 in Barren County, Kentucky, near Glasgow. The youngest of four children born to Val and Martha Burgess. She is survived by her son, Charles Frederick Giddings of Mt. Dora, FL; daughter, Martha Suzanne Settles of Haines City, FL; 2 grandsons, Heath Douglas Scheiman of Cincinnati, OH and John William Giddings of Mt. Dora, FL; 4 great-grandchildren, Brooklyn and Lincoln Scheiman and Jeremy and Andrew Giddings. She was preceded in death by husbands, Frederick Ford Giddings and David Kauffman; 2 sisters; and 1 brother. She graduated from high school at George Washington High of Indianapolis, IN on June of 1936. She was baptized into the fellowship of Gilead Baptist Church on August 4, 1929 by Brother J.E. Darter. Numerous early years were spent in the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home at Glendale, Kentucky. She was removed from the home and spent her teen years until marriage with her beloved sister and brother-in-law, Charles and Lorraine Loutt. She left the children's home on October 1, 1930. A devoted mother and homemaker, she spent several years active as a girl scout leader and advisory board for the Rainbow for Girls. She was a member of Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary, and Veteran of Foreign Wars

Auxiliary. Graveside Services will be held at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 11:00 am, Pastor John Schneck will preside. Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg, FL.