



## TORA ELIZABETH STATES

March 12, 1935 - March 23, 2016

### Obituary of TORA STATES

Tora Elizabeth States, 81, of Umatilla, FL left us on March 23, 2016 with her family by her side at Cornerstone Hospice Center in Tavares, FL following a battle with lymphoma.

Tora was born March 12, 1935, in Grundy, Virginia to Charles Lilburn and Ida Mae (Vandyke) Hale. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her three sisters Leah Mae Hale, Laura Ruby Keen, and Jeanette Cheanault; and four brothers, Walter Perry Hale, Charles Muncy Hale, and James Kermit Hale, Elbert Gordon Hale; and husband George Burton States of 42 years.

She married George Burton States in 1952. George and Tora moved to Miami, Florida where they started their family.

She dedicated much of her time to caring for her family. Her motherly love and compassionate nature lead her to not only care for her two children but also her 5 granddaughters and great grandchildren. She touched the lives of so many by being a loyal friend, loving mother, and a devoted grandmother.

Tora is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Graham Williamson; son, Roy States; 5 granddaughters, Mindy, Carrie and Sara

States, Lisa and Amanda Ferguson; and her six great grandchildren.

A celebration of life ceremony will take place on March 26, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the home she shared with her daughter and son-in-law. Tora will be buried in a private cemetery, alongside her husband in Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida on March 29, 2016.

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Mindy, Carrie and Sarah. Im so sorry for your loss. Your Grandmother was a beautiful woman! Like the three of you ... I'm sure she is at Peace... I'll keep her and you in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless your Dad! All my love , Aunt Frances

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**Frances Leadbeater** - March 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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