

Anne Mae Day

July 1, 1913 – May 20, 2007

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Anna Mae (nee McKetta) Thomas Day, age 94, on May 21, 2007, after a brief illness, at The Cloisters Retirement Community in DeLand, Florida. Anne was born in Wyano, Pennsylvania, on July 1, 1913, the middle child of Mary & John McKetta, Sr. Her father, John, was a coal-mining electrical engineer, moving his wife & 3 children to a series of towns in Western Pennsylvania. In spite of all the moving, Anne skipped 2 grades and graduated high school when she was 16 years old. Afterward she moved to Uniontown, PA, where she opened a beauty shop, serving many ladies during the depression times. She then met and married Merle James Thomas on September 1, 1935. For the next 28 years they lived in Uniontown where they raised their 3 children until her husband, Merle, passed away in 1962. She lived in Chevy Chase, MD, where she worked as a legal secretary until retirement and moving to Deltona, Florida. She is survived by her brother, Dr. John J. McKetta, & his wife Pinky; her three children, Merle Jr., Nina (Taylor) & Charles; her 4 grandchildren, Beth Steeley, Christopher, Dean & Susan Taylor Pilarski; and 3 great-grandchildren, Carolina El Azar, Matthew Thomas and Kelly Thomas. Merle resides with his wife, Liz, in Berea, WV, teaching in the Technology Department at Fairmont State College. Charles lives with his wife, Karen, near Philadelphia where he does business consulting and teaching at Penn State University. Nina and her husband, Art Taylor, are retired and living in Southern California. Anne is remembered for her love of her family and her very sharp memory and intelligence. She always had flowers, especially roses, growing in her yard; cooked pierogi, unforgettable pies, fudge frosting and homemade spaghetti sauce; played duplicate bridge, even competing on the internet in her later years; and read a book a day, as she loved to read. She was an avid golfer until her final years, and held many posts in community clubs and associations, such as President of the Womens Club of DeLand. Her family will be gathering at her graveside next to Merle Sr. in Uniontown for a final good-bye in June.