

Ritchie, Columbia Wooten 1920 - 2012



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Mrs. Columbia Ritchie, 92, went home to be with the Lord and Savior and to reunite with her deceased husband of 53 plus years, Zebedee Ritchie, Sr. on, Friday, March 16, 2012 at her residence.

Columbia was born on March 10, 1920 in Knott County, Kentucky the daughter of Monroe and Hester Tolson Wooten. She married Zebedee Ritchie, Sr. on September 29, 1935 in Knott County, Kentucky. He preceded her in death on May 15, 1988.

Columbia and her family moved to Indiana in 1953 and she spent most of that time residing in North Vernon, Indiana. The last years were spent living with her daughter and caretaker Rosa New. Columbia was a devoted wife to her deceased husband and loving Mother to her children and grandchildren; Columbia attended Lighthouse Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ in North Vernon, Indiana. Columbia enjoyed flowers, gardening and canning.

Columbia is survived by six children, Chester Leo Ritchie, Zebedee Ritchie, Jr., Jimmie Ritchie, and Rosa Lee New all of North Vernon, Indiana, Geneva Young of Paris Crossing, Indiana, and Cecil Ritchie of Orange Park, Florida; daughter-in-laws, Carolyn Ritchie, Sue Ritchie, and Christina Ritchie and son-in-law Carroll New; her dear and trusted companion, Kenny Jones and helping with her care granddaughter, Betty Potts both of North Vernon, Indiana; brother, William Wooten and his wife Mary, and a sister, Jeannie Russell both of Ohio. Columbia had 21 grandchildren; 122 great-grandchildren; 35 great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four brothers, Adam, Flanery, Jack and Raymond Wooten; six sisters, Eve Wooten, Beulah Patrick, Zola Holdefield, Sarah Jones; Virgie and Annamae Wooten.

Memorial Funeral Service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at the Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home and Cremation Services 420 South State Street, North Vernon, Indiana 47265 with the Rev. Johnny Williams officiating. Friends may call at the Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home and Cremation Services on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. Burial will be in the Vernon Cemetery in Vernon, Indiana. There will a meal and a gathering of Columbia's family and friends to celebrate her life at Muscatatuck County Park Dining Hall following the service.

Memorials may be made through the Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home and Cremation Services for Funeral Expenses.