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Billie Kline, age 95, of St. Augustine, passed away on Nov. 9, 2012 at Samatha Wilson Care Center at Bay View. She was born and grew in Massard, Arkansas, and moved to Miami as a young woman during WW II to help with the war effort. She moved to Palatka in 1972 and later to Elkton in 1988. She had been a resident of Buckingham Smith Assisted Living Facility for the past 10 years. Despite having family hardship force her to leave school before graduation, Billie became an accomplished poet, storyteller, and oil painter. Though legally blind, she earned a GED at the age of 85. She was a devoted wife, mother and homemaker, and enjoyed cooking, gardening & square dancing. She was a former member of Palatka Women's Art League, and was a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Buron "Smokey" Kline, and a son, William J. "Bill" Kline. She is survived daughters, Rebecca Kline and Kathleen Ewing of Miami, Betty Jo Bergens and husband, Alex of Southwest Ranches, FL., daughter in law, Valerie Kline of Elkton, sister in law, Mildred Erman of Concord, Ca., granddaughters, Carissa Vega and husband Omar, Vanessa Stelly and husband Paxton, and great grandchildren, Sydney & Camille Stelly, and Sophia & Ava Vega. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Ambrose Catholic Church with Father Patrick Carroll officiating. Interment will follow at St. Ambrose Cemetery. Flowers are

gratefully accepted or donations in her memory can be made to: St. Ambrose Catholic Church Renovation Fund, 6070 Church Road, Hastings, FL. 32033. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.