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LaVerne M. Thwaite, age 89, of St. Augustine, passed away on March 9, 2011 at her home. She was born LaVerne Mae Francis on August 26, 1921 in Cleveland, Ohio, to Charles and Connie Francis. She attended Kent State University from 1939 to 1943, where she met Donald Oliver Thwaite. They married in 1946 after he returned from having served in World War II. They had two children, Donald Oliver, Jr. and Carol Ann. LaVerne moved with her husband to St. Augustine, Florida in 1976 where Don was a realtor for over 25 years, and LaVerne, along with her daughter, Carol, were co-owners of A New Dawn Natural Foods for 15 years. LaVerne is survived by both of her children, as well as her grandchildren, Amy, Charlie, Oliver and Brian Thwaite. She was deeply loved by John Borelli, Carol's fiance, who contributed significantly on a daily basis to her care-giving. LaVerne will be greatly missed by her entire family and friends, including their beloved animals, Emma & Dolly. Flowers are gratefully declined, but contributions in LaVerne's Honor can be made to SAFE or Wags and Whiskers, both St. Augustine-based no-kill rescue organizations for pets. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.