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Leona Ellen Cunningham McCrary, age 82, died peacefully at home with her family, in Tualatin Oregon on August 17, 2009, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's. Mrs. McCrary was born on July 19, 1927 in Miami, Florida, to Lindsey Elmore Cunningham and Leona Ellen (Bishop) Cunningham. Her family called her "Ellen" and her friends called her "Lee." She was a retired social worker for the State of Florida, Department of Children and Family Services. Her background was in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, she was a passionate Democrat, and she loved Florida, having lived there most of her life. She lived in St Johns County from 1972 until 2005 when she moved to Oregon because of illness. Although the joy and focus of her life was family, she also loved literature, classical music, dancing, and growing roses. She was a talented artist, with a particular gift for portraiture. Mrs. McCrary is survived by one sister, Myrna Smith of Bellevue WA, eight children (3 sons and 5 daughters,) Leonard Roy Edwards of Lamoni, IA, Nancy Rose Pitts Dowdle of Adena, OH, Myrna Loretta Pitts Petree of Hilliard, FL, Iva Lynne Pitts Donnelley of Carlisle, PA, Marshall Emory Pitts, Jr. of Groveland, FL, Leona Ellen Pitts Sauter of Tualatin, OR, David Michael Pitts of Groveland, FL, Elisabeth Anne Pitts Pacilli of Palatka, FL, 18 grandchildren, and many great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by one baby daughter, Melanie, and two husbands, Marshall Emory Pitts, Sr., and William Jean McCrary.

Private services will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday, August 22nd at Crown Chapel, 17064 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Milwaukie, Oregon 97267 A memorial service in celebration of her life will be held at 1:00 p.m on Friday, August 28th at St. Johns Chapel at 385 SR 207, St Augustine, Florida 32084. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery, St. Augustine, Florida. St Johns Family Funeral Home, St. Augustine, Florida, is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Thinking of you Mama. I still miss you.*

Ellen - August 04, 2024 at 01:28 PM

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“ *Mama, you are missed.*

Ellen Sauter, ND - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Many things happen in our lives that are not understood. Taking care of you for all of those years was at times not fair for you or me but I have come away from the hardships a different, stronger, and more forgiving person. I pray every day that you are now at peace and you are beautiful, young and once again full of life and the spirit that kept you so strong for so many years.*

Elisabeth Pacilli - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mama, I know you had to leave your poor old worn out body, and go on to the next step of your journey, but I think we will always feels the sweetness of your presence in this house, and someday I will hear your delightful laughter once again and we will waltz together in freedom.*

Ellen Wilson Sauter - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM