



## Miriam Rae Johnson

July 4, 1930 - February 9, 2016

Miriam Rae (Farrand) Johnson, 85, went home to her Father on Feb. 9, 2016. Miriam was born July 4, 1930 in Detroit, MI. She grew up in Colon, MI with her parents Walter & Leona Farrand and brother Jim. During World War II, she worked in her grandpa's store, DeBack's Grocery, in Colon. In 1948, she graduated from Colon High School and married her high school sweetheart Ralph Johnson. In 1952 Miriam became a career Air Force wife, raising a family and making homes for them around the U.S., in France, Spain and Germany. She never met a stranger and formed life-long friendships everywhere she went. Always smiling, Miriam was a one-person welcome wagon, inviting new families home to eat, helping them find places to live, and generally taking them under her wing. After returning to Norman, OK, from Ramstein Air Base in Germany, she worked at Wright's IGA until she accepted a position as surgery scheduler at Norman Regional Hospital. After fifteen years, she retired to travel, enjoy time with her family, read her books, and watch the old movies she had collected. She was member of McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church. Miriam was preceded in death by her parents Walter & Leona Farrand, her husband of 66 years Ralph Johnson and son-in-law Gary Lee Miller. She is survived by her brother James Farrand & wife Katherine (Coldwater MI), sons Brian Johnson (Harrah OK) and Walter Johnson (Juneau AK), and daughters Vicki Miller (Moore OK), Kimberly Cornet & husband Jimmy (Norman OK). In addition, she leaves grandsons Ford Wattles, Tyler Johnson, Bryce Cornet & Khayl Johnson, and great-

granddaughter Samantha Wattles. Per Miriam & Ralph's wishes their ashes will be scattered together at a later date during a celebration of life.