

Mrs. Ruby Purdum

Mrs. Ruby Purdum, 85, of Damascus, died Monday, Aug. 16, 2010, at Frederick Memorial Hospital. Twice married, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Charles King "Dick" Burdette in 1990 and Maurice "Butch" Purdum in 2009.

Born April 22, 1925, in Damascus, she was the daughter of the late Joseph "Bud" and Grace Warfield Clay.

Ruby graduated from Damascus High School in 1943. She worked at the Glen L. Martin Co., Baltimore, during World War II. She later worked in Montgomery County schools and eventually retired from her position as assistant branch manager at Maryland National Bank in Gaithersburg.



She was a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Post 171, Damascus.

She is survived by her two children and their spouses, Chuck and Su Burdette of Damascus and Rebecca and Jack Kessell of Monrovia. She also leaves four grandchildren, Wendy Papagjika, Jack Kessell Jr., Jesse Rose-Smith and David Burdette; six great-grandchildren, Alexandra, Hailey, Kimberley, Jake, Austin and Grace; and two sisters, Hilda Wells of Sparks and Iola "Nancy" Magruder of Frostburg.

Friends may call from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at Molesworth-Williams Funeral Home, 26401 Ridge Road, Damascus.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at Wesley Grove United Methodist Church, 23640 Woodfield Road, Gaithersburg. The Rev. Vicki M. Dotterer, her pastor, will officiate.

Interment will follow in Damascus Methodist Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests expressions of sympathy be in the form of memorial contributions to Wesley Grove United Methodist Church at the address above.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at MolesworthWilliams.com.