

## **Mrs. Mary Ruth Thorpe**

Mrs. Mary Ruth Creger Thorpe, 79, of Monrovia, died early Saturday morning, May 16, 2009, at Lorien of Mount Airy. She was the wife of the late Charles Harry Thorpe who preceded her in death on Nov. 7, 1994.

Born May 13, 1930, in Monkton and raised in Thurmont, she was a daughter of the late Floyd Bascum and Marjorie Ann Harner Creger.

In addition to working as a telephone operator, Mrs. Thorpe worked for W. Bell and Best companies.

Surviving are seven children, Charles Wayne Thorpe and wife, Beth, of Michigan, John Douglas Thorpe and wife, Vicki, of Nevada, James Michael Thorpe and wife, Sandy, of Brunswick, William Allen Thorpe and wife, Doree, of Silver Spring, Barbara Jean Crowley and husband, Wayne, of Monrovia, Susan Denis Bailey of South Carolina, and Brenda Ann Thomas and husband, Sean, of Crofton; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; as well as siblings, Sarah Virginia Marshall of Woodsboro, Irene Tobery and husband, Gordon, of Westminster, and Ella Mae Kessel of Damascus; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Ann Atwell.

The Molesworth-Williams Funeral Home, Damascus, is handling the arrangements. There will not be calling at the funeral home. Inurnment in the columbarium at Arlington National Cemetery of Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 1. Those attending should congregate at the administration building at the cemetery at 9:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to be made in Mrs. Thorpe's name to the American Heart Association, Memorials and Tributes, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058.