



## Annette Whitlock

May 13, 1925 - April 21, 2013

Jane Annette Whitlock, 87, Antioch, TN formerly of Colbert County, AL died Sunday, April 21, 2013. She was born May 13, 1925 the daughter of Oce Eugene and Annie Clara (Notgrass) Smithson.

She attended schools in Colbert County, graduating from Deshler High School, Tuscumbia, AL in 1941.

She married William Pride Stanley in 1941. They divorced in 1945. In 1951, she married Walt Lawrence, Jr. He died in 1967. She married Paul Whitlock in 1980. He died Nov. 6, 1999.

She earned her R.N. Degree from Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Birmingham, AL and her Masters of Nursing at the University of Alabama, Huntsville, AL.

Annette loved being a nurse and had a long and successful career in nursing, first working as an R.N. in a clinic, then hospital and for many years as an anesthesiologist. Later she taught others about nursing, at NW Alabama Jr. College and at Muscle Shoals Community College. Then the last several years before she retired, she was Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of North Alabama in Florence, AL.

She enjoyed traveling and spending time at her vacation home in Florida.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1944, her mother in 2002, and her brother Ewell W. Smithson in 2012, great-grandson Lucas Duncan, and her husbands, Walt Lawrence and Paul Whitlock.

She is survived by three daughters: Jane Stanley Head and husband James of Liberal, KS; Nancy Stanley Hamilton and husband Johnny, Russellville, AL; Carole Lawrence Burkitt and husband Hunter, Antioch, TN; one stepdaughter Donna (Gil) Cleveland, Tuscumbia, AL; six grandchildren: Jimmy (Emily) Head; Jon (Gina) Head; Jeffery (Julee) Head; Jennifer (Scott) Grubbs; Gayla (Stuart) Mills; and Christy (Mike) Duncan; nine great-grandchildren: Tiffany, Auston, John T., Devon, Savannah, Adrian, James, Ellen and Harper; and one great-great- granddaughter, Dakota.

Funeral services will be Friday, April 26, 2013, 11 a.m. at Pinkard Funeral Home, Russellville, AL, with Clint Busler officiating. Burial will follow in Colbert Memorial Garden, Tuscumbia, AL. The visitation will be Thursday, April 25th from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

# Tribute Wall



“ Though I have not seen Annette for many years, I still think of her often and am saddened to learn of her passing. She was a favorite teacher of mine when I was a student at UNA. As a young, divorced, sole supporter of two small children, working full-time and also a full-time nursing student at UNA, she was the one who always encouraged me. She could sense my fatigue and disparity and would simply say "you CAN do this." I did not know her background but could tell she understood my situation and wanted to see me succeed. She taught Community Nursing and her passion greatly influenced me regarding the health needs in my own rural community. Because of her influence, I later developed much needed health programs for children in Franklin county, including school health nurses, migrant health and the first Head Start program for the Franklin County schools. Annette's influence and encouragement to me has been passed on in another way, as well. I am a professor of nursing at UNA and try to pass the same encouragement on to my own students. I know that Annette's inspiration to future nurses will continue to live on. Please know that your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Dr. Wanda Bradford##imported-end##

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