



Gale Patricia Mills

October 29, 1939 - September 7, 2012

A graveside service for Gale Patricia (Galusha) Mills, 72, will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at Memorial Park Cemetery, with Erik Nichols, grandson, officiating. Arrangements are by Anderson-Burris Funeral Home. Gale was born to Lloyd and Dorothy (Bauman) Galusha on October 29, 1939, in Enid, and passed away to be with her Lord on Friday, September 7, 2012, in Enid. Gale graduated from Enid High School, then continued her education at Enid Business College, where she received an Associate Business Degree. Gale married Phillip Lafayette Burford in 1960. From this union, three daughters were born. Gale was a military wife for about 10 years. She then worked for her father Lloyd Galusha at his carpet store. Gale worked in retail sales at Gray's and then Dillard's for over twenty years. She retired in 2005 to take care of her mother. While Gale was in school, she acted in plays and dramas, which gave her a lifelong love of acting and writing, two things she always wanted to do. At Dillard's, Gale became known as the "Jewelry Lady" because she loved buying and collecting all sorts of jewelry. Gale was never seen unadorned from head to toe. Probably her favorite hobby was reading the Bible and learning more about her Lord and Savior. Gale was also an avid cat lover, at one time having five cats. At the time of her passing, Gale had three cats, who were her babies: Princes, Hercules and Sampson. Gale was a loving grandmother and great-grandmother, having eleven grandkids and ten great-grandkids, and she loved to have them come visit. Gale was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Dorothy Galusha. She is survived by three

daughters, Sandy Winsett and husband Jamie, Gayla Stiffler and husband Lee, Darena Sparks and husband Brian; Grandchildren: Erik Nichols and wife Rachel, Stevie Lemery and husband Justin, Robin Nichols, Corey Best and girlfriend Chanel, Dustin Best and wife Misty, Gavin Stiffler, Shelby Stiffler, Couie Sparks, Josh Sparks and girlfriend Abby Kenrick, Dalton Sparks, Caleb Sparks; Great-grandchildren: Evie Lemery, Mason Lemery, Elisha Nichols, Brydyn Best, Clara Best, Cionna Sparks, Caleaha Sparks, Chloe Sparks, Kristy Sparks. Gale is also survived by sister Dea Sturgeon and husband Chuck, several nephews, cousins and friends. Memorials may be made to OMRF – Alzheimer Division.