



Athene Herron

December 5, 2009

Athene V. Herron, 82, of Churchill, died Saturday, December 5, 2009 in William Penn Care Center, Jeannette, PA. She was under hospice care for bone cancer. She was born November 14, 1927 in Brownsville, PA. the daughter of the late Andrew and Imojean (Beachley) Gertner. In 1945, after graduating from high school, she joined the Nurse's Cadet program at Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA, After completing the program she worked at Women's Hospital as a staff nurse and head nurse. She joined the Navy Nurse Corps serving 2 years in Philadelphia and 2 years in San Diego where she received an honorable discharge in 1956. She returned to Pennsylvania to work at the University of PA Hospital in Philadelphia as a staff and head nurse. In the early 1960's she assisted Dr. Peter Safar in opening a 6 bed ICU at Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh which was the first in the city. Later, she helped open the first ICU at the VA Hospital in Pittsburgh. She worked there for 23 years, retiring in 1987. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Richard A.Herron in 1981 and a sister Betty (Gertner) Fleming in 2003. She is survived by first cousins, Charles Austin Marker (Katherine), Marian Axline,(both of Maryland), many good neighbors and friends.She loved working in her yard, planting her garden and growing many beautiful flowers. She also loved walking the "pike" with her faithful dog, Zachary who died in 2005.She joined Beulah Presbyterian Church in 2007. At Athene's request there was no viewing Interment was in Plum Creek

Cemetery, Plum Boro, PA. A short memorial service will be held at Beulah Presbyterian Church, 2500 McCrady Rd., Churchill, PA. on Saturday, December 12, 2009, at 1pm.

Contributions may be made in Athene's memory to William Penn Care Center, 2020 Ader Rd. Jeannette, PA. 15644 or Beulah Presbyterian Church, 2500 McCrady Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15235.