

Betty Lou Petzel, 88, of Spring Hills, Florida a former Bluffton Resident passed away on Thursday evening, September 5, 2013, at the Sturgill Hospice Care Center.

Mrs. Petzel was born on February 23, 1925 in Bluffton to Dale D. & Marie (Schlagenhauf) Neusbaum. She graduated from Bluffton High School with the class of 1943 and played the organ at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday evenings through High School. She graduated from the Lutheran School of Nursing in Fort Wayne and started her career of serving others as a Registered Nurse.

On October 6, 1946 in the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton, Betty married Homer E. Petzel. They shared the last 66 of marriage together.

Mrs. Petzel worked as a RN Supervisor at the Caylor-Nickel Clinic for 22 years before moving to Florida. While in Bluffton she was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, First United Methodist Church, the Bluffton Elks Lodge and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Survivors include her husband Homer of Spring Hills, Fl. Along with a daughter Karyl A. Maiorana of Mableton, GA and a son Todd E. Petzel of Essex, CT, along with 4 grandchildren; Wendy Tomlinson, Larry Geist and Sarah and Rebecca Petzel and 2 great-grandchildren, Mark and Brett Tomlinson.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents and a sister Mary Hoopingarner.

Calling Hours will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A service to celebrate her life will be held at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Life Celebrant Jeff Lemler will officiate. Burial will be in the Old Salem Cemetery. Memorials may be made in Betty's memory to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 733 Third Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10017 www.nationalmssociety.org.

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home online obit (accessed 8/27/2017)