



Rachel Short

October 8, 1940 - June 16, 2012

Rachel Sue Short, 71, of Bowling Green, passed away at Good Shepherd Hospice in Sebring on June 16, 2012. Sue was born in Muncie, Indiana on October 8, 1940. She was a Baptist and came to Hardee County from Muncie, Indiana in 1978. She had employed as a bus driver with Hardee County Schools.

Sue was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Short, two brothers, Harold and Ed Knotts, and a sister, Lela Thennis.

Survivors include four sons, John Short and wife Judy of Wauchula, Donald Short of Zolfo Springs, Billy Short and wife Carol of Wauchula, and Danny Short of Zolfo Springs; four daughters, Rosie Stettler of Grafton, New York, Cyndy Short of Zolfo Springs, Lori Grills of Zolfo Springs and Jackie Stewart and husband David of Muncie, Indiana; two brothers, Dale Knotts of Muncie, Indiana and Alden Knotts of Anderson, Indiana; two sisters, Donna Slain of Muncie, Indiana and Thelma Hemphill of Duncan, Oklahoma; 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at Robarts Garden Chapel from 2-3 p.m. with funeral services at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Jimmy Morse is officiating. Burial is in the First Baptist Church of Zolfo Springs Cemetery.

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“ When I was young, I moved a lot. I'm not talking cities or even states. I mean countries. Every night I would cry for home, but there was always that sliver of hope, telling me, You can always come back. It will always be there. But even as I returned years later, I always found that the land that I had loved changed. It was not the land I had grown up in, and it never will be again. I have never felt the loss of a person. I could never imagine that degree of loss; the agony, the tears shed. All I can do is try to relate. You can always go back to the person; their footprints forever trapped in that old picture or their remains in a grave. But it will never be the same. All you have are your memories. I hope that you can be with the person that needs you the most, and treasure those memories. That way, you can celebrate the person's life and the person that they used to be. It will mean more than any stupid Hallmark card.

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