



Mary Lou Sowden

September 14, 1926 - March 29, 2007

Mary Lou Haywood Sowden, 80, Thursday, March 29, 2007, Mary Lou, 80 of Allison Park (formerly of Speers Hill, Charleroi, PA); wife of the late Reverend Charles K. Sowden; mother of Jane (James) Sykes of Oakmont, C. Kenneth (Jaci) Sowden of Waikoloa, Hawaii, Beth (Gary) Tuck of Bowling Green, Kentucky, and Amy (Ronald) Burkert of Oakmont; Grandmother of Jamie, Chase, Jennifer, Stefanie, Lisa, Chris, Kendal, Stephanie, and Allison; Great-Grandmother of J.D., Alexis, Nicolas, Easton, Riley, Evan, Blake and Ella. She was a sister of Clifton Haywood of Lebanon, MO and was preceded in death by her parents, James and Catherine (Guder) Haywood and three brothers: Melvin, Leland and Richard. She was born in Dunlevy, PA on September 14, 1926 and attended Charleroi High School. She married in 1943 and throughout her life, supported her husband's ministry at numerous churches throughout the Mon Valley. She was employed as a nurse at Greene County Memorial Hospital in Waynesburg PA and was active in community service. She was a member of the Speers United Methodist Church and an affiliate member of Oakmont Presbyterian Church. Following a prolonged illness, she became a resident at Concordia at Rebecca Residence where she served on their Resident Advisory Board. She was known for her gracious hospitality and loved to open her home to family and friends. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. Sunday in the Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc. and Cremation Service, a Golden Rule Member Firm (724-929-5300), 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon, www.fergusonfuneralhomeandcrematory.com. A

memorial service will be held at the Speers United Methodist Church at 11 AM on Monday, April 2 with Rev. Les Hutchins and Rev. Dr. Steve Wilson co-officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Jumonville, Hopwood, PA 15445.