



Services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 3, 2015 at the Third Baptist Church for Mrs. Elizabeth Kurtz, 88, of North Miami Beach, Florida, (formerly of Youngstown) who passed away Sunday, December 21, 2014 at the Kindred Hospital in Miami, Florida.

Mrs. Kurtz was born October 20, 1926 in Lafayette, Alabama, a daughter of Preston Sr. and Annie Mae Finley Gear. She was a 1944 graduate of Spencer High School in Alabama, and later moved to Farrell, PA with her family. After meeting the love of her life, her husband, William, she moved to the Youngstown area. She worked at Southside Hospital as a Dietary Supervisor, retiring in 1985. She was a former member of Third Baptist Church. Elizabeth enjoyed playing the piano, singing, cooking, movies, sewing, traveling and family reunions.

Her husband, William Samuel, whom she married June 28, 1952, passed away in 1983.

She leaves to forever cherish her memories, two daughters, Collette Kurtz of Torrance, CA and Michelle (Edgar) Wright of North Miami Beach, FL (with whom she made her home); a brother, Preston Gear, Jr. of Farrell, PA; three grandchildren, Teriana Loftin, Aleah and Darius Wright; and a host of family and friends.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Edward and Hugh Richard Gear; and a sister, Ann Margaret Scarbrough.

Visitation hours will be Saturday from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Saturday at the church. Arrangements entrusted to the L. E. Black, Phillips & Holden Funeral Home.