

Dorothy "Dot" Flowers/Slifer, 75, after an extended illness of lung disease, died on June 2, 2009, at her home in Lakeland, Fla., surrounded by family and friends. She was born in St. Johnsbury, Vt., in 1933. She is survived by her daughters, Cynthia Flowers of Tampa, Fla., Celia Merritt and Karlene Schatz of Rogers, Ark.; her grandsons, Brian Frost of Lakeland, Fla., and Robert Merritt of Fayetteville, Ark.; granddaughter, Shawna Trolinger of Springdale, Ark.; two great-grandchildren, Maycee and Jace Trolinger; her sister, Hazel Paquette of Bradenton, Fla.; and her sister-in-law, Charlotte Smith of Gainesville, Ga., and Tampa, Fla. Dot was retired from Wal-Mart, beginning her career in Springdale, Ark., and retiring in Lakeland, Fla. She was active in her church, American Baptist Church, and wishes to be remembered with memorial donations to Kitty City Foundation, Inc., 5321 Gunn Highway, Tampa, FL 33624. A memorial service will be held in celebration of her life at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home, (Northside Chapel), 5245 US Highway 98 North, Lakeland, FL 33809 on Friday, June 5, 2009, at 11 a.m. Her final resting place will be at the Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell with her deceased husband, John C. Slifer. Dot was loved in life and will be missed by her family.