



Ruth D. Parcell

June 22, 1922 - January 8, 2009

Ruth Delores Parcell of Miami passed away January 8, 2009. She was 86. Daughter of John and Gertrude Hilleary, wife of the late Harold Parcel, she is survived by two sisters and a brother, Arthelia Brooks, Olive Jackson, and Edward Hilleary. She was predeceased by a brother and two sisters, Fred Hilleary, Oma Quay, and Lucille Mulligan. She is the beloved mother of five children and their spouses, John and Ann Parcel, Trish and Otis Watts, Doug Parcell, Dave and Roxie Parcell, and Dick and Debbie Parcell; cherished grandmother of nine grandchildren and their spouses; Grant and Sara Parcel, Rachel and Dave Gilstrap, Aislyn Parcell, Kenzie and Thomas Royce, Derek Parcell, Kelsey Parcell, William Watts, Elena Parcel and Jack Parcell, and Great Grandmother of three, Hunter, Holden, and Aubrey Faith Gilstrap. Ruth was born June 22, 1922 in Alpena, West Virginia, and graduated from Morris Harvey College where she earned an education degree. She taught briefly in West Virginia before marrying Harold and moving to Alaska where they taught as a team for fifteen years in native villages for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The BIA took them to rural Mississippi and finally Miami in 1960. Here Ruth taught at Seneca Indian School in addition to earning her Masters degree and certificates in counseling and psychometry. She counseled students for the Inter-Tribal council and tested for Regional Education Service Center until she retired in 1981. She and Harold relished their retirement until Ruth was widowed in 1984. She enjoyed gardening and fishing. Her gardens were grand, she almost

always caught her limit, and she left this world a better place.

The family will be receiving friends at 405 P Street, Miami, Sunday, January 11, 2009 from 2-5 PM.