

WINCHESTER--Ellen E. Ford, 69, of Winchester, left her earthly body and went to be with her Lord on Monday, September 5, 2011 while at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born on April 17, 1942 in Portland to Benjamin and Mable (Cordray) Gillum, then later, she was adopted by her sister, Della and her husband, Ray Kennedy.

Ellen worked her last 26 years at the Winchester Community Public Library. She began in the children's and then later worked in the adult department. She enjoyed working in her yard and helping others. The family would like to give a special thanks to the IU Ball Memorial Oncology Unit and State of the Heart Hospice.

She is survived by her four children, Jake (Joan) Norton of Colorado, Ron (Gale) Norton of Winchester, Kathy Warner of Winchester, and Jim (Karen) Ford, III of St. Augustine, FL; 13 siblings, Mary (Paul) Smith of Winchester, Jack (Barb) Gillum of Corpus Christi, TX, Shirley (Brian) Gullet of Farmland, Bob (Madonna) Gillum of Daleville, Lois (Cliff) Norman of Ridgeville, Martha (Dennis) Oliver of West Jefferson, OH, Linda Gillum of Burbank, CA, David Kneuss of Indianapolis, Debbie Smith of Winchester, Teresa (Kent) Shinn of Winchester, Mike (Connie) Kennedy of Winchester, Steve (Sue) Kennedy of Reynolds, and Patty (Eddy) Lee of Cropwell, AL; and eight grandchildren.

Ellen was preceded in death by both her birth and adopted parents; and four siblings, Bil Gillum, Edward Gillum, Benjamin Gillum, Jr., and Phyllis Mathis.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, September 9, 2011 at 11 a.m. at the Freedom Life Church, 991 E. Greenville Pike, Winchester, with Pastor Jeff Bullard officiating. Burial will follow in Center Cemetery, west of Portland. Friends and relatives may call from 2-8 p.m. on Thursday at the church and also one hour prior to the services.

Memorials can be made to the Cancer Services for Randolph County, 133 N. Meridian St., Winchester, IN 47394 or to the Winchester Community Public Library, 125 N. East St., Winchester, IN 47394.

Walker Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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