



Laura Juanita "Nita" Graf

January 25, 1932 - March 21, 2015

Laura Juanita "Nita" Graf of Cadillac, formerly of Franklin, North Carolina passed away Saturday, March 21, 2015 at Curry House Assisted Living in Cadillac. She was 83.

She was born on January 25, 1932 in Brooksville, Florida to James V. & Bernice (Wells) Skipper and they preceded her in death.

Laura graduated from Hillsburo High School in Tampa, Florida in 1949 and had been employed as a bookkeeper for many years. She had worked as a librarian for Elgin Public Schools in Illinois and enjoyed teaching Sunday School for many years. Laura was a very talented seamstress and also completed upholstery projects. She loved nature, gardening, flowers and birds. Her greatest joy was her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

On October 3, 1953 in Tampa, Florida she married Arnold W. "Arnie" Graf and he survives her along with their children: Sam (Lu Ann) Graf of Cadillac and Sue (Jon) Parsons of Belton, Missouri; grandchildren: Jennifer (Dean) Seiler, Andrea (Tim) Stagg, Stephanie (Ben) Hodgson, James (Cassie) Graf, Danny, Jessica and David Parsons; 12 great grandchildren; siblings, Joyce Pollock, Jack Skipper and Jerry (Geri) Skipper; sister in law, Verna Skipper and close friend, Ann Bennett.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by granddaughters, Amy and April Graf; great grandsons, Isaiah and Andrew Hodgson and Owen Jay Graf and a brother, Jimmy Skipper.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Pastor Ken Koning officiating. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Cowee Baptist Church of Franklin, North Carolina, (6301 Bryson City Rd, Franklin, NC 28734.) An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

VE

“ Nita was my dear, dear sister-in-law (more like a sister) and such a special friend. What a witness her live was. Arnie, who knew way back in 1953 what an extraordinary life was ahead for the two of you and what a large fine family was in your future?

Nita and Arnie'

s hospitality knew no bounds. I miss her terribly already and grieve with Arnie and the family. Lovingly, Verna

Verna - March 25, 2015 at 07:13 PM

CC

“ Thoughts and Prayers for all my Family during this time of great loss and sadnes.

Craig Cammelot - March 25, 2015 at 12:04 PM

JS

“ Our hearts,prayers and hugs are with you ,Much Love

Jerry,Geri Skipper - March 24, 2015 at 07:57 PM

GM

“ Nita Graft graciously opened her home in North Carolina to my four children and myself so that I my family could visit with the Parson family after we had moved from Kansas City to Atlanta. The table was laden with food, and the Graf

s welcome was sincere. It was a pleasure to meet Nita Graf. Her love reflected the joy that comes from knowing a living Savior.

Gail Mills - March 23, 2015 at 10:04 PM

AB

“ I know no words to describe my sense of loss and sorrow at the passing of my dear friend, Nita. I know she is happy now in the presences of Jesus and I can only imagine her singing HIS Praises. She always wanted to be able to sing, and now she can. Arnie, you were the love of her life as she was and still is the love of your life. You are a very special couple to us! Love,
Ann and Robert

Ann Bennett - March 23, 2015 at 08:44 PM

DJ

“ Dear Aunt Nita, I will never forget her beautiful smile and wonderful laugh. Our sympathy and prayers are with all the Graf Family in this time of grieving. All My Love, Denice

Denice Skipper Jordan - March 23, 2015 at 10:54 AM

CK

“ My sincere condolences to the family.

Connie king - March 22, 2015 at 08:38 PM