Ruth A. Varnum, 76, of
North Redington Beach, Fla.,
died Feb. 2, 2014, at the St.
Petersburg Consulate Nursing
Home. A son, Thomas Var-
um, Jr., who died in infancy,
preceded her in death.
She is survived by Thomas
Varnum, her husband of 57
years; four children, Lisa Miller
(Melvin), Natalie Wiest (Gary),
Jeffrey Varnum and Cristi Pur-
pura (Patrick) who live in Hill-
sborough County, Fla.; two sis-
ters, Shirley Carter and Nedra
Neville of Grinnell, Iowa; four
grandchildren and four great
great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held in Grinnell at a later
date.