Catherine Toney



Catherine "Kitty" Torrance Toney, 78, of Bella Vista, Ark., formerly of Grinnell, died Monday, May 4, 2009, at Highland Health Care in Bella Vista.

A funeral was held Thursday, May 7, at First United Methodist Church in Bella Vista with the Rev. David Fleming and the Rev. Doris Schlessman officiating. Burial was in Bella Vista Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County, 2602 S.W.D. Street, Bentonville, Ark, or to the First United Methodist Church, 20 Boyce Drive, Bella Vista, Ark. 72715

She was born May 16, 1930, in Plattsburg, N. Y., to Harold Robinson Torrance and Helen Sweeney Moore Torrance. She was raised in Orlando, Fla., where she graduated from high school in 1947. She attended Florida State University where she received the bachelor's degree in education in 1951. She taught English and speech at Orlando High School. She was united in marriage with Robert L. Toney on June 8, 1952, at First United Methodist Church in Orlando. She and her husband moved to Bella Vista in 1987 from Grinnell. She was a member of P.E.O., Single Parent Scholarship Fund Advisory Council of Benton County, a Reach to Recovery volunteer with the American Cancer Society, 18 Hole Women's Golf Club where she was past president and active in First United Methodist Church in Bella Vista

She is survived by her husband of 56 years Robert L. Toney of Bella

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