



Lila Richards

August 27, 1915 - June 10, 2012

Lila Richards, age 96 of Searcy, died Sunday, June 10, 2012 in Searcy. Miss Richards was born August 27, 1915 in Bald Knob, Arkansas, the daughter of Ludie and Obed Richards.

She completed high school at Bald Knob High School in May, 1933. Following high school, she completed three years of nursing school, graduating December 8, 1936, from St. Bernard Hospital School of Nursing, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Miss Richards continued to work and live in Jonesboro, until she accepted an assignment with the Veterans Administration Service in 1940. During her 35 years of service, she was assigned to hospitals in various locations, including Topeka, Kansas, where she retired in 1976. In 1957, she took educational leave to study in anesthesia for two years, graduating from St. Francis School of Anesthesia, Peoria, Illinois. She served as a Nurse Anesthetist after 1957. She is survived by two nephews, Eugene Steward and his wife Jean of Bald Knob, Carl Steward and his wife Helen of Bald Knob; and three nieces, Katherine Odom of Florida, Irene Brown of Searcy, and Freda Holder of North Little Rock. She is preceded in death by her parents; one brother; and three sisters.

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“ Aunt Lila was so special to my mom (Oneida), and, she was special to me. She was a fellow nurse, a fellow single lady and very special to me. I hadn't seen her since my mom passed away, but, I remember her calling me. Her sister Edythe was my granny. Aunt Lila, you provided opportunities for my mom as a teenager that she would otherwise never have gotten. You were not only her aunt, but, her friend. She loved you. She welcomed you to heaven on Sunday I know. I feel empty knowing you have gone on but very blessed for having had the pleasure of your company in my life. I shall always treasure your memory and be forever indebted to you for loving my precious mother.
Carl Emerson, Gene, Irene, Katherine and family, please know that I love you all and am praying for you in this difficult time. You will always be family to me!!!!
Oneida's daughter, Carole

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