

Ruby Amelia Kinne Bennett

Ruby Amelia Kinne Bennett, 76, of Franklin, passed away Wednesday, May 11, 2005, after a battle with leukemia.

Born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Clarence Chester Kinne and Ellen Daley Kinne. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Mildred Walsh.

After living for many years in Florida, she made her home in Franklin with her daughter. She was fondly known as the donut lady and the rabbit lady. She was active in the American Rabbit Breeders Association for more than 20 years. She helped many youth and friends get started raising and showing rabbits. She will be greatly missed by family and friends and she touched many lives in a positive and generous manner, the family said.

She is survived by a daughter, Janet Amelia Smith of Franklin; a son, Mark Wesley "Wes" Bennett of Pittsfield, Mass.; a sister, Lena Pedersen of Monterey, Mass.; four grandchildren, Heather A. McNally and Holly A. Boynton of Virginia Beach, Va., Dalen A. Smith of Franklin and David S. McClure of Houston, Texas; and three great-grandchildren, Zera A. McNally, Gwyn A. McNally and Noah Y. Boynton.

To honor her dedication to young rabbit breeders, the family requests memorials be sent in her name to American Rabbit Breeders Association Inc., Youth Scholarship Fund, 8 Westport Court, Bloomington, IL 61704.

Funeral services and burial will be held in Monterey at a later date.

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