

Rita A. Doherty, 76, of Fawn Hill, Franklin, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2007, in a Highlands nursing home.

She was born in Teaneck, N.J., and was the daughter of the late Walter J. and Agnes Daugherty Clarihew.

She was raised and resided in St. Petersburg, Fla., until 1990. She was married first to the late Robert Boyd, second to the late Gale Eugene Pruett, and third to the late Charles P. Doherty. She was a LPN for 25 years, and had worked at Britthaven Nursing Home for 13 years. She was a member of First Alliance Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Debra Gage and husband Allan of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Kimberly Murphy and husband Edward of Franklin; two sons, Robert Boyd and wife Gail of Hawthorne, Fla., and Steven Boyd and wife Jennifer of Reno, Nev.; stepdaughter, Sandra Asher of San Antonio, Texas; stepsons, Michael Pruett of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Robert Pruett of Melbourne, Fla.; stepdaughters, Karen Ciche of Rhode Island, Patricia Hollgring of New Jersey, Karleen Nicholas of Florida and Erin Overgaard of New Jersey; stepson, Keven B. Doherty of Virginia; one brother, Robert W. Clarihew and wife Virginia of Pinellas Park, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; two nieces and a nephew of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Oct. 7, at 2 p.m., in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home, with Revs. Mitch Schultz and Steven Boyd officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Saturday, Oct. 6, from 1 to 3 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.MeM.com. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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