

Leila Lewis Guritz

Leila Lewis Guritz, 79, of Macon, Ga., passed away on Friday, March 17, 2006.

Born in Macon, she was the daughter of the late Ruby Evelyn Lindsey Lewis and John William Lewis. She was married to the late Alfred Hill Guritz. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Evelyn Lewis Wetzler and Elizabeth Lewis Scott, and two brothers, Robert C. Lewis and John W. Lewis Jr.

She was educated in Bibb County Schools and graduated from A. L. Miller High School, where she was a majorette, a member of the crack squad and played basketball.

She was active at First Presbyterian Church, where she taught and played the piano in the primary department. She also served on the board of the YWCA and was recognized as Woman of the Year in March. She was an excellent swimmer and taught the first Red Cross swimming class in Macon. She was also an active Rotarian while her husband served as president of the Rotary Club.

She was a member and past president of Chapter I, PEO Women's Organization. One of her many accomplishments was that of bringing to fruition the Multiple Sclerosis Pro Am Golf Tournament.

She is survived by her two sons, Richard Guritz of Macon and Highlands and Don Guritz and wife Nancy of Atlanta, Ga.; two grandchildren, Morgan Elizabeth of Athens, Ga., and Caroline "Callie" Sumner of Atlanta; a brother, Frank Lewis and wife Melba of Mobile, Ala.; a sister, Ann Foose and husband Bob of Lancaster, Pa.; and 23 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 22, at 1 p.m., in the Chapel at Hart's Mortuary in Macon. Rev. Hal McNeely will officiate.

The family will greet friends following the service.

Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society, the American Red Cross, Historic Macon Foundation or to the charity of one's choice.

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