



## Althea Gene Kern

July 22, 2009

Myrtle Beach Altha Gene Kern Altha Gene Kern died Wednesday, July 22, 2009 in Myrtle Beach, SC. She was a resident of Myrtle Beach Manor for the last 2 years. She was born in 1922 on a farm in Smithville, WV and grew up in Elkins, WV, the daughter of H.T. and Beulah Schoonover, along with her 6 siblings, Brad, Freda, Gayzelle, Kay, Edgar, and Kenneth. After high school, she lived near Chicago, IL where she worked in a VA hospital during World War II. She married Robert Kern, an Air Force navigator, who is now deceased. They lived in Milburn and then Hasbrouck Heights, NJ until 1978 when they retired to Elkins and later to Myrtle Beach. Gene is survived by her 3 children, Barbara Kern of Salem, MA, Patte Huff of Myrtle Beach, and Mike Kern and his wife, Nancy, of Madison, WI, and her grandchildren, Gretchen and Michelle Kern, and Marisa, Tyler, and Lisa Huff. Also surviving is her brother, Kenneth Schoonover of Port Orange, NJ, a niece, Sandy Marturano of Brick, NJ, and a nephew, Gary Schoonover, of Elkins, WV, and their families, as well as many cousins, nephews and nieces. Gene loved her family and friends, and the residents and staff at The Manor. Her interests were quilting and sewing, cooking, antiques, music, movies, the outdoors and gardening, and her cat, Oliver, who gave her many hours of happiness and companionship. She always had a special affection for her home state of West Virginia, but she enjoyed the warm weather and life in Myrtle Beach. Gene will be missed by all who knew her, and she will be remembered for her warmth, patience, sweetness, and infectious laughter. A Mass of Christian Burial will

be said at 12:30 PM Saturday, July 25, 2009 at St. Michael Catholic Church with Father Ray Carlo officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday, July 24, 2009 from 3:00-5:00PM at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to your local animal shelter or to Brookgreen Gardens, 1931 Brookgreen Dr. Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. Sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com) Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ It was our pleasure and privilege to be friends with Bob and Gene during their stay in Elkins, WV. They were great and will always be remembered with love and fondness. We are overjoyed that they are now reunited. Bill and JoAnn Gray##imported-begin##Bill & JoAnn Gray##imported-end##

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“ Barbara and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Jeanne##imported-begin##Jeanne M. Fahey##imported-end##

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“ Thinking of you with sincere sympathy. Bennie & Charlotte McDonald and family##imported-begin##Bennie & Charlotte McDonald##imported-end##

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“ Thoughts of Gene bring warmth...always made you welcome...and interested in what was happening in your life...A blessing to know... Warmest love to all...Linda and Family..##imported-begin##Linda Dehmer##imported-end##

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“ *When I think of your Mom I think of a sweet, petite, precious lady who always had a welcoming hug and and huge smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you Patte and all your family. God Bless.*  
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