



## **Andora Lilly Giffen**

**November 17, 1945 – June 27, 2011**

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A loving wife, devoted mother and grandmother departed this life on June 27, 2011.

Andora Lilly Giffen, of Bluefield, Va., was born in Jumping Branch, W.Va. on November 17, 1945, daughter of the late Audrey W. Lilly and Reva Farley Lilly.

Andora graduated from Hinton High School in 1963 and Concord College in 1967. She was a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority. She married the love of her life, Tom Giffen, in 1967 and had two cherished daughters. The family moved to Bluefield, Va. in 1976, where Tom and Andora lived for her remaining years. She enjoyed an eclectic early career teaching school, working for the Town of Bluefield, Va., and as a librarian for National Business College. Later in life, she found her talent and chosen profession in interior design and decorating. Working first with great friends at Interior Motives, she later opened her own business, Corner Chair Designs. She delighted in her career, which brought her many friends and much joy. Civic and service minded, she served in numerous clubs and boards, such as Quota Club and Lions Club. She was a steadfast member of the First United Methodist Church for many years where she taught Vacation Bible School, worked on the Parsonage Committee and played in the handbell choir. Of her many roles, her most favorite was that of generous friend and beloved family

member. She enjoyed travelling, collecting antiques, laughing with her girlfriends, playing with her pets, but above all spending time with her family and spoiling her grandchildren.

In addition to her loving parents, Andora was preceded in death by her dear brother, Stewart Lilly in 2006.

Along with her husband of 43 years, Tom, she is survived by her two daughters, Jennifer Vadersen and husband Erik of Savannah, Ga. and Greta Valeyko and husband Brian of Charlottesville, Va. She is survived by three adored grandchildren, Jack and Lilly Vadersen and Chloe Valeyko; her sister, Margie Arthur and husband Gary of Ona, W.Va.; her sister-in-law, Betz Lilly of Augusta, Ga.; her nieces, Shelley Harbor and husband Kelly, Angela Lewis and husband John of Milton, W.Va., Hallie Merry and husband Howard of Augusta, Ga.; and nephews, Mike Lilly and wife Karen of Evans, Ga. and Ray Lilly and wife Suzanne of Evans, Ga. She is also survived by a special uncle, Paul Farley of Martinsville, Va.; and friends too numerous to mention who brought her great happiness and joy.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, July 2, 2011 at First United Methodist Church, Bluefield, Va. at 10:00 a.m. The family will receive visitors at Dudley Memorial Mortuary, Bluefield, Va. on Friday, July 1, 2011 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations are made to First United Methodist Church or the Bluefield Union Mission. Dudley Memorial Mortuary in Bluefield, Va. is serving the Giffen family.