

## Sarah Margaret Coleman Kistler June 19, 1936 – December 27, 2012

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Sarah Margaret Coleman Kistler, age 76, passed away on Thursday, December 27, 2012 at Ridgewood Manor Nursing Facility in Washington, North Carolina.

She was the daughter of Mary Lena and Samuel Coleman of Hinton, West Virginia. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Bob and Luther, and by her sisters, Anna and Helen.

Sarah left West Virginia shortly after graduating from high school to join the Air Force. While enlisted, she was the first woman to ever win the Airman Achievement Award, but her true calling was being a wife and a mother. She became a military wife until her husband retired and they settled in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Sarah worked at JC Penney in Rocky Mount for over 20 years, but will be most remembered as the best Mom and Granny in the world!

Sarah is survived by five sisters, Mary, Jewell and Donna of West Virginia, Carol and Betty of Ohio, her son, Jeffery Kistler, her daughter, Valerie Barnes, two grandchildren, Amber Nicole Barnes and Austin Grey Barnes, and Billy King who was like a son to her.

A celebration of her life will be held Sunday, December 30, 2012 at 2pm at Johnson Funerals and Cremation Chapel. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service at the funeral home.