



## Dreatha "Rea" Carter Potwin

December 1, 1933 - April 16, 2015

Dreatha "Rea" Carter Potwin , 81, of Huntsville, Arkansas, formerly of Jordan, Arkansas , died April 16, 2015 at the Washington Regional Medical Center at Fayetteville, Arkansas. She was born December 1, 1933 at Sledge, Mississippi, the daughter of Silas Allen and Bessie Nolan Dooley Childress. She was a retired nursing medical assistant and a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Calico Rock, Arkansas. She was a member of The Order of the Eastern Star and past matron of Guiding Star Chapter #588 in Calico Rock and a perpetual member of Huntsville Chapter #487 in Huntsville. She was a Past Grand Martha , a Worthy Grand Matron's Guardian Angel and a past Grand Representative to Georgia . She was the widow of James Roy Carter, Sr. and Arthur Barry Potwin. She was also preceded in death by one son, James Roy Carter, Jr., one daughter, Teresa Elizabeth Goforth, one brother, Bill Childress and three sisters, Wilma Brummet, Lou Courey and Valeria Childress. Survivors include: one son and daughter-in-law, Don and Lyn Carter of Hindsville, Arkansas; three brothers, Hugh Childress of Piedmont, Alabama, Tommy Childress and Terry Childress both of Long Beach, Mississippi and one sister, Linda Coleman of Pass Christian, Mississippi; twelve grandchildren including Stephanie Kirkpatrick, Suzanne Edwards, Kevin Carter, Brandy Carter, Jesse Floen, Maddie Potter and Jim Ed Carter; twenty-three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A. M.. Tuesday, April 21, in the chapel of Brashears Funeral Home with The Reverend Jack McCarty officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 3:00 P. M. Tuesday at Pineville Cemetery at Pineville, Arkansas with The Reverend Wayne Wood officiating and Eastern Star Rites. Arrangements are under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home [WWW.BRASHEARSFUNERALHOME.NET](http://WWW.BRASHEARSFUNERALHOME.NET) at Huntsville. Pallbearers will be: Johnthan Cole, Barry Cole, Kevin Carter, Cody Meyer, George Edwards and Jim Ed Carter. The family will receive friends from 6:00 P. M. to 8:00 P.M. on Monday at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Please know my heart and prayers are with you. My brother Mike Lowe and my sister Sherrie Slay are also sending their love and prayers. Aunt Dreatha was always special to us in so many ways all of our lives. We will miss her.

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**Victoria Burt Goldman** - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I did not know Dreatha long, but feel very blessed to have known her as long as I did. We met waiting for radiation. I noticed how she always had her makeup just right and always smiling. Honestly smiling in that situation says a lot. I soon found out we were fighting the same cancer. Dreatha always had such a good attitude and always said she was going to beat this. I was always so glad to run into her at the doctor or waiting for tests. She became a very dear friend and "sister" in this fight we shared. I will miss her. One thing she always said is that one day we would beat this cancer and we would get together and just talk about our families. I just know when I lose my battle that she and I will meet in heaven and finally talk about things other than cancer. I will keep your family in my prayers as I always did her. She loved her family very much and fought this battle hard wanting to be with you guys!

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**Pam McCormick** - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM