

Alberta VanPetten Pitts

Alberta VanPetten Pitts a former longtime resident of Wheaton

Memorial services for Alberta VanPetten Pitts, 86, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, at Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton. Born June 13, 1917, the daughter of Albert A. and Jessye G. VanPetten, she died Friday, May 21, 2004, in Roswell, N.M. Graveside services will be Saturday, at McLean Cemetery, McLean, Ill. Alberta spent her youth in Cuba, where her father was general manager of the Cuba Cane Sugar Company. After her father's death, the family relocated to Urbana-Champaign, where she was a Delta Gamma and a 1939 graduate of the University of Illinois. She married Henry L. Pitts in 1941. After his service in World War II, they settled in Wheaton, where she was an active volunteer, including business manager for the High Hat Shop for Central DuPage Hospital, and president of the Illinois State Bar Association Women's Auxiliary, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Trinity Episcopal Church Women's organization. To all who met her, Mrs. Pitts brought a gentle grace and warmth. Her family treasures her, not only as a loving wife and mother, but also as a best friend and confidant who encouraged with her ready smile. Survivors include her beloved husband of 63 years, Henry L. Pitts (former senior partner of the Chicago law firm, Rooks/Pitts, now Dykema Gossett Rooks Pitts); children, Albert (Anita) Pitts of Roswell, Sarah Pitts of Des Moines, Iowa and Emily (James) Dixon of Fairfax Station, Va.; grandchildren, Rebecca and Elizabeth Pitts, Bill and Ungee Kelley, Emily Kelley, Tom Eldridge, and Brian and Caroline Dixon; great- grandchildren, Alex, Tim and Robin; sister, Jeanne Madden of Arlington Heights; brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, James and Caroline Moberly of Bloomington, Ill. and Alice L. Wright of Jacksonville, Ill.; and numerous relatives and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Salvation Army or the American Cancer Society. Friends may visit www.dailyherald.com/obits to express condolences and sign the guest book.

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