Leona Mae Grace, 91, formerly of Marysville and Columbus, died Nov. 19, 2014, in Pleasanton, California.

A beloved mother and grandmother, she devoted her life to her family. She was an avid reader and valued education. She graduated from Marysville High School and attended Capital University in Columbus. She worked for a time for the state of Ohio in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. She volunteered in the ARC organization and Girl Scouting. She was passionate about cats and owned cats throughout her marriage.

She was born Sept. 11, 1923, in Marysville, the daughter of the late Howard and Mary (Gilbert) Thompson. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, John (Jack) J. Grace, whom she married May 23, 1948, in Marysville.

She is survived by her daughter, Suzanne (Brent) Wientjes; grandchildren, Gregory Wientjes and Michelle (Sarath) Boyapati; great-grandchildren, Kayla, Asha and Ethan Boyapati, all of California; and a brother, Harold Thompson of Rochester Hills, Michigan.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday at noon at Oakdale Cemetery. Mannasmith Funeral Home serving the family.

Memorial donations can be made to a local animal shelter in the deceased's memory.

Condolences may be expressed at www.mannasmithfuneralhome.com.