



## Heartha Whitlow

May 21, 1919 - March 13, 2012

Heartha Whitlow, 92, of St. Joseph died Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at the Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Family services will be held at a later date and cremation has taken place. The Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph is in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Box Factory for the Arts or the Berrien Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Please share memories, messages or photos at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Heartha was born on May 21, 1919 in Lake Charles, LA to Carl and Willie Mae Nielsen. She married her husband, Eugene Whitlow, on December 25, 1940 in Austin, TX and he preceded her in death on July 26, 2009. Together they celebrated 68 years of marriage. Heartha had a Masters Degree in Chemistry from the University of Texas. She moved to this area in 1959 with her family. She was one of a group who spearheaded the development of the Box Factory for the Arts in St. Joseph. She was also active in the Berrien Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, the Krasl Art Center and the St. Joseph Power Squadron. She worked briefly at Benedix Corp. but devoted most of her time to her family and her interest in art.

She is survived by her son, Dana Whitlow, of Arecibo, Puerto Rico. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Kerry Murray, in 1991.