Funeral services will be held 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21 at the First United Methodist Church in Oak Ridge for Mrs. Petretzky, 90, of Lebanon. Born in Cookeville to the late Alex Monroe and Virginia Ensor Burton, Mrs. Petretzky died Monday, Dec. 17, 2012 at Hearthside Assisted Living in Lebanon.

She was an early resident of Oak Ridge (1944) and was involved in the growth of many of the city's organizations. Mrs. Petretzky was a long time member of the First United Methodist Church in Oak Ridge, a devoted wife and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Spending time with her family brought her the most joy. She was also a longtime member of the PTA and assisted in many school functions.

Mrs. Petretzky was a member of the 43 Club and the Oak Ridge Lioness Club. She had also volunteered for 34 years at the gift store of the Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge.
In August of 2007, Ruth and her late husband, Paul moved to Lebanon to live closer to their daughter and son-in-law.

Visitation will be held 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20 at the Partlow Funeral Chapel; visitation in Oak Ridge is from 12:30 p.m. until the service.
Pastor Stella Roberts will officiate. Interment will follow in the Oak Ridge Memorial Park.

Survivors include: daughters and their husbands, Nancy (Bob) Caldwell of San Jose, CA and Judee (Jay) Barry of Lebanon; granddaughters Jennifer (Chad) Brown of Rogers, AR, Melodee Barry of Franklin and Alicia Caldwell of San Francisco, CA; great-grandchildren Clayton and Caiden Brown of Rogers, AR; brother Allison (Peggy) Burton of Clinton; sister-in-law Maxine Burton of Lewistown, Montana; niece Anne (Glen) Maggart Teasley of Knoxville; nephew Richard Maggart of Clinton; and niece Darra Romick of North Canton, Ohio.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband Paul; her sister Virginia Maggart of Oak Ridge and brother Sam Burton of Montana.

Lebanon's Partlow Funeral Chapel is in charge of local arrangements.