



Bessie D. Richardson

October 16, 1905 - October 25, 2013

Bessie Eudora Dooley Richardson, 108, died October 25, 2013, at Serenity Hospice in Atlanta, Ga. A native of Maury County, Tennessee, Bessie was born on October 16, 1905, to Charlie Irving Dooley and Frances Luella Scott Dooley. One of ten children she was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers and sisters as well as a grandson, Joseph Graham Wildsmith.

On December 24, 1923, she married Joel Davidson Richardson. As a young woman she worked as a telephone operator. For many years she and Joe lived on a farm in the Bigbyville community in Maury County where she enjoyed working in her flower and vegetable gardens. When they moved to Columbia, she continued to have beautiful flowers. In 1995 Mrs. Richardson moved to Newnan, GA, to be near her daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Al Kennedy, as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Richardson was a member of the Newnan Church of Christ. For over 55 years previously, she was a faithful member of the West 7th Street Church of Christ in Columbia, TN. The ladies Bible classes at both congregations were very important to her.

Mrs. Richardson has been a resident of Emeritus, previously Georgian Place, for thirteen years. Her family appreciates very much the care and love she has received there.

Mrs. Richardson is survived by her daughters, Nancy Jo (Fred) Wildsmith of Smyrna, TN and Sandra (Al) Kennedy of Newnan, GA. ; grandsons, Tom (Sally) Wildsmith of Damascus, Maryland, and Andy (Karen) Kennedy of

Newnan, GA., granddaughters Alice (Craig) Jackson and Elizabeth Brownlee of Newnan, GA, and Amy (Randy) Nelson of Smyrna, TN. Great grandchildren: Joseph and Mary Wildsmith of Damascus, MD., Kirk and Ryan Nelson of Smyrna, TN. Cole and Oren Kennedy and Christopher, Madison, and Jacob Brownlee of Newnan, GA.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com

A graveside service for Mrs. Richardson will be held in Columbia, TN. on Monday, October 28, 2013 at 1:00 and a memorial service will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at the Newnan Church of Christ at 3:00 pm with Craig Jackson officiating.

In lieu of flowers donations are suggested to Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, www.disasterrelieffort.org.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 38 Jackson St. Newnan, GA 30263 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Polk Memorial Gardens

6465 Trotwood Ave
Columbia, TN 38401

Previous Events

Service

OCT **29**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Newnan Church of Christ
2675 Hwy 34 E / PO Box 71384
Newnan, GA 30271

Tribute Wall

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during the loss of Mrs. Bessie. She was truly a source of strength and encouragement to us all. We will certainly miss such a special lady.

R.J. and Miranda Winslett - October 28, 2013 at 04:01 PM

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“ Nancy & to the Entire Family, Please know that you all are in my thoughts & prayers @ this this of the loss of your mom etc, She might be gone but please know that she is in Heaven now where were promised that we will see our loved ones again one day Love, Kim

Kim Ealy - October 27, 2013 at 12:01 PM