

## Cammie Lee Brown

Cammie Lee Brown, age 92 of Monroe, died on Nov. 28, 2008 after a short illness. She was born in Walton County on May 25, 1916 to the late Eva Hamilton and Thomas Luther Garrett.

She is predeceased by her brothers Orien, Hulon, Ruben, Perry and Thomas Luther, Jr and sisters Dru Willie Rice and Eva Ree Stuart.

After high school she attended A & M School then went to work as a secretary at the National Bank of Walton County in 1934 where she worked for some thirty odd years both before and after the war. She attended the World's Fair in New York the opening of Gone With The Wind at the Fox Theatre and used her own savings to buy a car in 1936. Her brother Ruben and his wife Louise introduced her to Albert Brown at Harmony Baptist Church and they married on April 12, 1941 - at the preacher's house at 8:00 in the morning so she could get to work

on time when the bank opened at 9. They were married for 55 years, until he passed away in 1996. During WWII Albert was stationed in Miami where she worked at the Bank of Miami and their son Jim was born. She was a hard worker and a diligent saver and investor who taught her children and grandchildren to do the same. After the war she and Albert lived with her parents until they saved enough money to pay cash for the materials to build a house.

With the help of Albert's brothers they built a house on her Daddy's farm in 1950 where they lived the rest of their lives. She was raised in the Presbyterian Church and Albert in the Baptist so they compromised in raising their children and throughout their marriage attended Harmony Baptist on the 1st and 3rd and Ray Memorial Presbyterian on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. She served as church treasurer for many years and was active in Women of the Church.

She was a wonderful

cook and fed her family well with garden fresh vegetables in the summer and its canned and frozen bounty in the winter. She was known and appreciated for her ham and tenderloin biscuits. She was a caregiver; first for her elderly mother that lived with them and later for her sister Eva Ree that suffered from Parkinson's and sister-in-law Lona with MS. After her retirement, she volunteered at Walton Regional Medical Center as a Pink Lady until she quit driving at age 88. She was a tremendous influence in the lives of her children and grandchildren and leaves behind a legacy of gentleness, inner strength, service, love of God and joy in family.

She is survived by sons and daughters-in-law: Jim and Loretta Brown of Monroe, Thomas L. and Deborah Brown of Watkinsville; daughter and son-in-law: Connie B. and William Zachary of Decatur; brother-in-law and sisters-in-law: Perry and Betty Brown of Monroe and Charlene Brown of Monroe; eight grandchildren: 2nd Lt. Jim Brown (Jyl), Charlie Brown (Tricia), Andy Brown, Amy Greenway (Derrell), Ellen Bruce, Robert Bruce (Danielle), Matt Brown (Laura) and Pat Brown; five great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, November 29 at 2 p.m. at Ray Memorial Presbyterian Church with her son Rev. Thomas L. Brown and the Rev. George Rogers officiating. She was laid to rest at Resthaven Cemetery.

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