

## Jessie Mae Atha Stearns

Jessie Mae Atha Stearns, of Rex, went to be with the Lord Monday, April 2, 2012, at the age of 86. She was born in Monroe to Alma and Jessie Atha. Stearns was preceded in death by her brother, Grady Atha; sisters, Montine Hearn and Lucile Hawk; and grandson, Darryl.

She is survived by her daughter, Dianne and Larry McWhorter; sons, Tommy and Susan Thompson, Philip and Linda Thompson and David and Diane Thompson; grandchildren, Scott, Jason, Andy, Whitney, Georgia Ann, Ryan, Stephanie and Ashley; six great-grandchildren; and sister, Margaret Cooper of Monroe. She was a member of Rock Baptist Church for 30 years, where she was in the Lamp Lighter Choir and taught Sunday school for many years. She retired from Macy's after 30 years of service.

She was a loving mother to her family and will be missed very much, even though she has gone to be with the Lord and is singing in his choir now, she will remain in the hearts of her children and family with wonderful memories.

Funeral services were Thursday, April 5, at the chapel of Cannon Cleveland Funeral Directors with the Rev. David Riley officiating. Burial followed at Eastlawn Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sacred Journey Hospice, 138 Peach Drive, McDonough, GA 30253.

Cannon Cleveland Funeral Directors was in charge of the arrangements. Those who wish may sign the online guest registry at [www.cannonclevelandfunerals.com](http://www.cannonclevelandfunerals.com).

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