



Dorothe Ankeney Merritt

May 3, 1914 - August 21, 2011

Dorothe Ankeney Merritt, 97, of Laurel died Sunday, August 21, 2011 in Laurel. Funeral services will be held at 11 am Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at Memory Chapel with burial to follow at Lake Park Hills Cemetery. Dr. Randall Turner will officiate. Mrs. Merritt was a member of First Baptist Church of Laurel and a resident of Laurel since 1942. The former owner of Merritt's Florist and Gifts for over 30 years, she was awarded the designation of Floral Designer of the Year for the State of MS in 1963. She was a volunteer at YWCA where she served on the Board of Directors for two years and received the "Diana" Award in 1995. A former member of the City of Laurel Planning Commission, she was also a volunteer and docent at the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art, member of the Executive Committee for the Jones County Republican Women, and also received one of the first 100 hour pins for volunteer work at Jones County Community Hospital. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Weldon Merritt, Sr.; brothers, Dr. John Ankeney, Bob Ankeney, Charles Ankeney, Jr. and George Ankeney; and sisters, Margaret Ankeney and Bette Sala. Survivors include her son, John Weldon Merritt, Jr. of Orlando, FL and one brother, Bill Ankeney of Greeley, Colorado. Visitation will be held beginning at 10 am Tuesday at Memory Chapel of Laurel which is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JT

“ John, sorry for the loss of your mother, she was an amazing lady of great talents.

Judy Carter Tisdale - August 24, 2011 at 06:49 PM

SG

“ John, thinking of you at this sad time. I can just see Ms. Merritt already arranging all the flowers in heaven. What a glorious time she will have and what a beautiful sight we can expect for those of us who join her later! My deepest sympathy on your loss.

Sheila Gwin - August 24, 2011 at 05:52 PM

TL

“ I'm sorry i did not know about her passing until Tuesday night, John you have my deepest sympathy.
Tom Legg

Tom Legg - August 24, 2011 at 10:10 AM

TT

“ Johnny, I'm very sorry to learn of your Mom's passing too late to pay my respects. I always had a lot of respect for her and we were friends. I used to see her at Comfort Care when my Mom was there. I will be praying for your family.

Terry Tullos - August 23, 2011 at 06:08 PM

A,

“ I am Cecil Merritt's grandson and the son of Carolyn Merritt Ainslie. I am praying for your family.

Andrew A. Ainslie ,III - August 23, 2011 at 10:15 AM

CH

“ Johnny, Remembering You Prayerfully, in the Loss of Your Mother. May You Find Peace and Comfort in a Life well-lived. With Heartfelt Sympathy, Charles

Charles Hudson - August 22, 2011 at 11:39 PM

EW

“ So sorry about your mom. I will be praying for you.

Eve Webb - August 22, 2011 at 05:43 PM

MS

“ WE SHARE YOUR LOSS AND KNOW SHE IS WITH HER FAMILY IN A BETTER PLACE, OUR LOVE AND PRAYER ARE WITH YOU. THE SALA FAMILY

MICHAEL W. SALA - August 22, 2011 at 11:16 AM