



## Eva Ruth Boykin Watson

July 2, 1918 - April 27, 2011

Eva Ruth Boykin Watson died peacefully after an extended illness on April 27, 2011, at her home in Grant, Ala. Funeral services will be Saturday, April 30, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel. Dr Joel Samuels, pastor of First Baptist Church of Guntersville, Ala., Mrs. Watson's home church, will officiate. Burial will follow at Lake Park Hills Cemetery with The Reverend Jerry Piercey officiating. A Jones County native, Mrs. Watson was born on July 2, 1918 to the late Henry Winston and Cordova Vaughn Boykin, the sixth of nine children. Mrs. Watson married Clarence Glen Watson on July 13, 1935, and they were blessed with three children. Mrs. Watson strongly supported her husband in business and at home. They worked as partners in her father-in-law's restaurant, before opening their own businesses, Frosty Treat, and Dixie Distributor's Warehouse in Laurel. In 1964, they opened the popular C.G's Restaurant where Mrs. Watson was actively involved in running the business. Mrs. Watson was involved in charitable affairs at the Salvation Army and Wildwood Baptist Church, where she and her husband worked and worshipped for over 40 years. Mrs. Watson taught Sunday School at every level, from nursery to senior adults, touching many lives with God's word and His love. She served others without expecting recognition. She was a perfect example of the Godly Woman described in Proverbs 31:10-31 which begins "who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is for above rubies." KJV Mr. and Mrs. Watson celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on July 13, 1985. Following retirement, they traveled throughout the United States and

Canada, carrying their grandchildren, ages 4 through 18, on one memorable three-week cross country trip. In 1996 at age 78, Mrs. Watson moved to Grant, Ala., to be near her daughter. She continued her church life at First Baptist Church of Guntersville where she made many friends and enjoyed traveling with the senior group. Mrs. Watson was preceded in death by her parents and seven siblings, Connie Boykin, Vera Boykin Mapp, Vivian Boykin Flynt, Claude Boykin, Wilma Boykin Sewell, Lamar Boykin, and Fletcher Boykin. Survivors include a daughter, Freya Watson Bailey (Jerry Thomas) of Grant, Ala., sons, Clarence Nelson Watson (Mary) of Baton Rouge and Truett Nathan Watson (Marsha) of Madison; brother, Henry "Hank" Boykin of Ellisville; grandchildren, Gregory Watson, Jay Bailey, Karen Watson, Paige Farrish, Paula Steuer, and Scott Watson (Lee Anne); great-grandchildren, Gregory Watson, Deborah Watson, Kelsey Watson, Aidan Farrish, Swade Watson, Eva Farrish, Ryan Watson, and Raimey Watson. Extended family members George and Judy Smith, of Grant, provided loving support to Mrs. Watson and her family. Pallbearers are Jerry Boykin, Hilton Boykin, Trulon Boykin, Greg Watson, Jay Bailey, and Scott Watson. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to 'Lillies of the Valley', an ovarian cancer support and awareness group (2002 Danbury Circle SW, Huntsville, Ala. 35803), or the American Heart Association. Visitation will be Saturday, April 30, 2011, from 10-11 a.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

LL

“ Mrs. Watson as well as Mr. Watson have always been a wonderful part of my treasured memories of growing up in South Laurel and of attending Wildwood Baptist Church. She was a very kind, gentle, patient and caring person. Nelson, Freya, and Nathan were very blessed to have had her in their lives for so many years. May she rest in eternal peace.

*Linda Hosey Lowrimore*

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**Linda Hosey Lowrimore** - May 03, 2011 at 08:11 PM

DB

“ My prayers are with you all for the loss of your precious Mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. I grew up with Eva and she was always as sweet as she was in the end.

*May God hold you close and give you peace for she is safe in the arms of Jesus*

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**Delora Brooke** - May 02, 2011 at 10:39 AM

SL

“ Dear Freya and Family, The thoughts and prayers of your Lilies family are with you now and always. Although her earthly journey has ended, the memories she left in so many hearts will live on.

*Knowing her was an honor. With love, Susan*

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**Susan Leighton** - May 02, 2011 at 09:28 AM

RG

“ Please accept my condolences to the family during this difficult time, I am sorry for your loss. It is never easy to lose a loved one in death. Revelation 21:3,4 holds out a comforting hope.

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**r gray** - April 30, 2011 at 11:40 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry I will not be able to attend Mrs. Watson's funeral Saturday. She was a precious lady and a wonderful witness for her Lord. Mother (Willie Mae Cole) passed away January 4. I will be praying for all of you.

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**Judy Cole Bush** - April 29, 2011 at 08:46 PM

JB

“ *Eva Ruth Boykin Watson*

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**Jay Bailey** - April 29, 2011 at 11:44 AM

CK

“ *Nathan, Marsha and All the Family,  
We are thinking of you at this time. Reading about Mrs. Watson's life and service is most inspiring, and we celebrate her life as we also express our sincere, heartfelt sympathy at this time of passing. We will continue to remember you.  
Loving thoughts from George & Carole Kelly, Tim, Cam and Carly Chennault*

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**Carole Kelly** - April 29, 2011 at 11:30 AM

PC

“ *We are sorry for your loss. Ms. Watson, the family matriarch, will certainly be missed. She was an extraordinary lady in every way.*

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**Polly & Jimmy Cowden** - April 29, 2011 at 10:18 AM