



Joyce Wansley Blackledge

December 3, 1929 - April 24, 2011

Joyce Wansley Blackledge, 81, of Laurel, born December 4, 1929, and passed away Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011, at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg. Graveside services will be held at 2 pm Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at Lake Park Hills Cemetery in Laurel. Rev. Brian Gordon will officiate. She started her work career at Bell Telephone in Laurel and at Oates Clinic answering the telephone. In 1961 she joined her family as bookkeeper in the office at Wansley Machine and Welding Service. She retired in 1992. She was a member of West Laurel United Methodist Church, The Timothy Sunday School Class, "We Care", and enjoyed going out to eat with her friends at West Laurel on the first Saturday of each month. She was also a Red Cross Volunteer. She was a devoted daughter, wife, mother and sister, and very much loved by all. She could always make you laugh but was there in time of need also. She loved her children and grandchildren with a passion and was proud of their accomplishments. She will be so very missed by us all. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Otto and Louise Wansley; her husband, J. D. (Jake) Blackledge, Jr.; and her daughter, Rhonda Blackledge Busby. Survivors are her son, John Martin Blackledge and wife, Debbie; grandchildren, Alison Busby, John Blackledge, Royce Blackledge and wife Alana, and Kristen Rogers and husband Jordan; and great granddaughter, Addie Blackledge. Pallbearers will be John Blackledge, Royce Blackledge, Jordan Rogers, Otto Wansley, Jr, Jerry Wansley and Jack Wansley. Visitation will be held from 1 pm until service time Tuesday, April 26, at

Memory Chapel of Laurel which is in charge of the arrangements.