



Melissa Maurice Evans

May 26, 1925 - May 3, 2011

Melissa Maurice Williams Evans, a resident of Soso, was called home by her Lord on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, just 22 days before her 86th birthday. She was born on May 26, 1925, at the Jasper County home of her parents, and was the second of four children born to the family. As a child and young girl, she attended Stringer Attendance Center. During the early years of her marriage, she was a homemaker, housewife and mother. She loved children, and later in life worked in the day care center at First Baptist Church of Laurel. Until the last several years, she was a resident of Jasper County. She was also a member of Edon Baptist Church. Mrs. Evans was predeceased by her children's father, Joseph John Evans; her parents, Hines W. Williams and Birdie Ruth Speed Williams; a granddaughter, Roxanne Brownlee; and her older sister, Mavis Frances Williams. She is survived by her children, Jeannie Kay Evans Pitts and husband Bill of Laurel; JoAnn Evans Welch and husband Jerry; Joseph John Evans and wife Gwenda; and Julia Ruth Evans Clark, all of Soso, along with seven grandchildren, Jimmy Welch, Justin Welch, Bethany Evans Taylor, Lucas Evans, Jessica Ainsworth Spurlin, Addie Holland and Wyatt Clark; and ten great-grandchildren. Also surviving Mrs. Evans are her younger sister, Anna Jewel Williams Musgrove and her only brother, Garvin Hines Williams, both of Stringer, together with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Mrs. Evans was a caring person who loved to read, and who took special interest in all of the children in her family. She loved to visit with her friends and take care of the flowers and plants in

her yard. Visitation will be held from 5 until 8 pm Thursday, May 5, at Memory Chapel in Laurel, which is also in charge of arrangements. Funeral services will be held at 10 am Friday, May 6, at Memory Chapel in Laurel, with burial at Union Line Cemetery. Rev. Harold Floyd will officiate. Pallbearers will be Jimmy Welch, Justin Welch, Lucas Evans, Bryan Holifield, Adam Ward, and Chad Watkins.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ms. JoAnn we are so sorry about the loss of your mother. We both are praying for you and your family in the days to come.*

Larry and Darleen Beech - May 05, 2011 at 02:32 PM

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“ *Jimmy and Ashley Welch & Family, I hope you are surrounded by family and friends at this time. I'm so sorry for your loss, and want you guys to know I'm here for you if you need anything at all!*

Brittany Horner - May 05, 2011 at 11:38 AM