

Mrs. Donnie Deese Clements

Mrs. Donnie Deese Clements, 87, died Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009, at her home in Mount Airy.

She was the wife of the late Benjamin Franklin Clements, who died in 1983.

She was born July 25, 1922, in Lancaster County, S.C., a daughter of the late Lee and Crenda Faile Deese.

Mrs. Clements assisted in the daily office operations of the family business, was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a Past Worthy Matron of Prudence Lodge, Order of Eastern Star, Mount Airy, and a member of Howard Chapel-Ridgeville United Methodist Church at Long Corner.



Surviving are two sons, Kenneth Franklin Clements and his special companion, Mary Russell, and Benjamin Larry Clements and his wife, Wendy; four grandchildren, Kenneth Scott Clements and his wife, Teresa, Brian Keith Clements, Navada Leigh Pleasants and her husband, William III, and Jennifer Lynne Clements and her fianc?, Milton Dartoozos; five great-grandchildren, Eileen Clements, Abigail Clements, Olivia Clements, William Pleasants IV and Ava Brooke Pleasants; a brother, Fred Deese and wife, Genolia; a sister, Gladys Catoe and her husband, Wiley Jr.; a special friend, Vicky Boone; and many nieces nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Mrs. Clements was preceded in death by her son, Robert Lee Clements; sisters, Arbutus Culley and Audrey Hensley; brothers, TJ Deese, Hazel Deese and Lindsay Deese; and a very dear friend, James Gregg.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at Molesworth-Williams P.A., Funeral Home, 26401 Ridge Road, Damascus. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday Oct. 2, at Howard Chapel-Ridgeville United Methodist Church, 1970 Long Corner Road, Mount Airy. The Rev. Laura Schultz and the Rev. Wallace Lusk will officiate. Pallbearers will be Scott Clements, Rex Catoe, Bruce Gregg, William Pleasants III, Milton Dartoozos and Gerald "Sonny" Harrison. Interment will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery, Mount Airy.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations to Howard Chapel-Ridgeville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 295, Mount Airy, MD 21771. Please indicate on your check it is in memory of Donnie D. Clements.