

## Mrs. Martha Bailey Slacum

Martha Bailey Slacum, 93, of Frederick and formerly of Damascus, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2010, at Heartfields of Frederick, following a brief illness. She was the wife of the late Emerson P. Slacum, who preceded her in death in 1996.

Born Dec. 1, 1916, in Orange, Va., she was the daughter of Norman Calvin and Martha Garret Bailey.

Martha graduated from Orange County High School in Virginia in 1934 and attended Blackstone College for Girls, Longwood College, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree, and the University of Maryland for her master's equivalency degree. She began her elementary school teaching career in 1934 and retired from Montgomery County Public Schools in 1972.

Martha was a faithful member of Damascus United Methodist Church and Damascus United Methodist Women. She was a loyal volunteer in the Montgomery General Hospital Gift Shop and a member of its Women's Board. She was a charter member of the Family Community Garden Club and Chapter AB of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Martha also maintained her membership in the Pleasant Plains of Damascus Chapter, DAR and the House of Burgesses Chapter, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century.

Martha was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers. She is survived by two daughter, Anna Nace and husband, Robert, of Frederick, and Margaret Beglin and husband, Warren, of Shelbyville, Ind.; seven granddaughters, Deborah Atkinson and husband, Brian, of Walkersville, Kimberly Nace-Rosencrans and husband, Jason, of Leesburg, Va., Pamela Petto and husband, Ken, of Frederick, Jennifer Taitano and husband, John, of East Hartford, Conn., Amy McNamara and fiancé, Jason Johnson, of Elk Grove Village, Ill., Sara Dunlap and husband, Chris, of Columbus, Ind., and Melanie Beglin of Chicago, Ill.; nine great-grandchildren, Philip and Andrew Atkinson of Walkersville, Angelo and Coen Petto of Frederick, Jackson and Emerson Dunlap of Columbus, Ind., and Emma, Maddison and Mackenzie Taitano of Connecticut. Survivors also include two sisters, Bruce Radney of Orange, Va., and Jean Ristine and husband, Robert, of Baltimore; as well as five nieces and nephews.



The family would like to gratefully acknowledge the wonderful staff and "family" at Heartfields of Frederick and Hospice of Frederick County.

Friends may call anytime, and the family will receive friends from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Molesworth-Williams, P.A., Funeral Home, 26401 Ridge Road, Damascus.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at Damascus United Methodist Church, 9700 New Church St., Damascus. Pallbearers will be Brian Atkinson, Jason Rosencrans, Ken Petto, John Taitano, Chris Dunlap, Phillip Atkinson, Andrew Atkinson, Jason Johnson and Mike Nall.

Interment will be in Damascus Methodist Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter AB-MD, 243 Wyngate Drive, Frederick, MD 21701.