



Jessie Lee Gochenour

October 9, 2010

Jessie Lee Gochenour, 93, of Woodstock, passed away peacefully at Greenfield Assisted Living on October 8, 2010. Jessie, born July 21, 1917, was the third and the last surviving child of 11 born to William Clifton and Catherine (Katie Belle) Heishman Beatley. She was predeceased by three brothers: Roy, Loring, and Guy; and seven sisters: Polly, Hilda, Daisy, Lola, Mary, Ruby, and Joann. She was also predeceased by her husband, John Wilbur, and son William Robert Gochenour. She is survived by her sons Ralph Gochenour and wife Bonnie of Maurertown; Harold Gochenour of Bowie, MD; and John Gochenour of Woodstock; daughters Judy Shirkey and husband, Henry of Edinburg; and Linda Wilkins and husband, Michael, of Woodstock; daughters-in-law, Jill Gochenour of Woodstock and Dixie Gochenour of Jerome. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren: Larry Gochenour, Gary Gochenour, Kelly Phillips, Matthew Gochenour, Tina Burgess, Tracy Gochenour, Lisa Godsey, Bruce Gochenour, Stuart Shirkey, Scott Wilkins, and Susan Null; and 13 great-grandchildren: Hunter and Meredith Phillips, Ashley and Emily Burgess, Elizabeth and Megan Godsey, Will and Nicholas Gochenour, Claire and Lillian Shirkey; Stephanie and Jason Wilkins, Cooper Null, and step great-granddaughter, Jennifer Koogler, as well as many nieces and nephews. Jessie was a homemaker who enjoyed her flower gardens, crocheting, canasta, and bingo. She was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church. Friends and community members will remember Jessie when she worked at the Woodstock Tastee Freez, a popular hang-out in the '60s. A

fond memory of Jessie's was participating in one of the first Apple Blossom parades. The family will receive friends on Monday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Dellinger's Funeral Home in Woodstock. A funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Woodstock with Pastor Nathan Robinson officiating. Burial will be in Gravel Springs Cemetery in Star Tannery, VA. Pallbearers will be grandsons Gary Gochenour, Larry Gochenour, Matthew Gochenour, Bruce Gochenour, Stuart Shirkey, and Scott Wilkins. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Woodstock Rescue Squad, P. O. Box 221, Woodstock, VA 22664; Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 West Cork Street, Winchester, VA 22601; or Bread of Life Food Pantry, 156 South Muhlenberg Street, Woodstock, VA 22664

Tribute Wall

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“ (One of the twins) John, you have a special place in my heart, because of our birthday. It is a sad event to see a loved one, one so vital, go downhill at the twilight of life. We all know it happens, but it is a sad event nonetheless. May God hold you and your family in the palm of his hand, surround you with comfort and give you peace during these days of grief. Know there is a better life on the other side and she will be waiting for you down the road. Penny

Penelope Ferguson - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Linda, Judy, and families , please know that you have my thoughts and prayers. May your good memories sustain you and may the Good Lord hold you close.

Jerry Wolford - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM