



## Julia Hammon Fansler

October 8, 2011

Julia Hammon Fansler, 99, passed away Saturday, October 8, 2011 at Shenandoah Memorial Hospital. She had been in declining health for several years. She was born June 3, 1912 at Mt. Clifton, Va., the oldest child of Burtelle Whitmore Fansler, Sr. & Julia Virginia Tisinger Fansler and the granddaughter of Joseph Homer & Julia Annetta Henkel Tisinger and Erasmus Lafayette & Alice Abigail Hammon Fansler. She was a 1929 graduate of Triplett High School and attended State Normal School (now JMU) at Harrisonburg, Va. She began her teaching career at Hudson Cross Roads School, later teaching 5th grade at Triplett. She briefly taught at Patrick Henry Middle School in Arlington, Va. She returned to Triplett in the 1940s when the librarian position became available and retired in 1974 as librarian at Stonewall Jackson High School at Mt. Jackson. Julia was a lifelong member of Grace United Church of Christ at Mt. Jackson where she was church organist for many years. She was a Sunday school teacher; member of the Womens Church Guild she also served on the church consistory and was cemetery treasurer/trustee. She was a member of the Mt. Jackson Book Club, Mt. Jackson Museum, Shenandoah Co. Retired Teachers Association and Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority. She was also instrumental in starting the Mt. Jackson Community Library where she was very active. She was predeceased by her parents-Burtelle & Virginia, her sister, Caroline and brothers Burtelle Whitmore, Jr. "Bud" and Charles Benton "Ben" and special friend William N. Paxton. She is survived by nephews- Thomas B., Kenna W., J. Randall &

Charles J. Fansler. Also nieces Susan Zirkle, Karen Fansler-Ryan, Judy Wakeman, Shirley Frye and Regina Austin, sister in law Patricia Fansler and many great nieces and nephews. Services will be Tuesday October 11, 2011 at Grace United Church of Christ at 11:00 AM with Rev Bob Harmon officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Family will receive friends Monday October 10 from 6-8 P.M. at the Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be nephews. Honorary pallbearers will be her kind and loving caregivers - Tina Conner, Danielle Mannino, Sandy Alger-Ortts, Melissa Flynn, Sara Zirkle, Georgia Fahrney, Mary Sager, Gretchen Spitler, Joan Clarke and Bonnie Burner. In lieu of flowers, Julia requested that gifts be given to Grace United Church of Christ P.O. Box 115, Mt. Jackson, Va 22842

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I have fond memories of Ms. Fansler. A great teacher and librarian.* ”

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**LARRY SHOWALTER** - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM