

Opal Rae White Boehm

Opal Rae White Boehm, 83, of Johnson City, Tenn., passed away Friday, June 17, 2005.

Born in Hazelhurst, Miss., she was the daughter of the late William Jepther and Ruth Givens White. She was also preceded in death by a son, Larry Dean Boehm; three brothers, Cecil, Buford and Crawford White; and two sisters, Mildred Rush and Alma Ruth White.

She was a homemaker; an active sponsor of the Western North Carolina Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association; a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; and a founding member of the Unity Church in Franklin.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, Harold W. Boehm of Johnson City; two sons, Robert Boehm of Lake Kiowa, Texas, and William Dan Boehm of Johnson City; three daughters, Barbara Fitzgerald and Rae Goines, both of Johnson City, and Susan Pantoliano and husband Thomas of Orlando, Fla.; two sisters, Hazel Redden of Fresno, Calif., and Pansy Hall of Shreveport, La.; a brother, Homer White of Palestine, Texas; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service and celebration of her life was held Wednesday, June 22, at 3 p.m., at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Johnson City. Rev. Steve Rembert will officiate.

A reception for the family followed at Broadmore Assisted Living in Johnson City.

The family received friends Wednesday, from 1 to 2 p.m., at the church prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to a nursing scholarship in her memory at Tri-County Community College, 4600 East U.S. Hwy. 64, Murphy, NC 28906, or the Alzheimer's Association.

Appalachian Funeral Home and Cremation Services was in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.appalachianfuneralhome.com.

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