

**Avis M. Brown**

Avis M. Brown, 93, of Blacksburg, Va., formerly of Franklin, passed away Friday, Dec. 24, 2004.

Born in Milton, Fla., she was the daughter of the late Andrew Montgomery Mitchell and Rhetta Mitchell, nee Harter. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Frank C. Brown Jr., who died in 1955, and one brother, Leroy M. Mitchell, who died in 1998.

She graduated from college and did graduate work at Jacksonville State College, Alabama. She taught nursing in Alabama and Georgia for many years. Many nurses owe their love and understanding of the profession to her spirit and examples, her family says.

She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Cartoogechaye and was a member of Cartoogechaye Home Demonstration Club of the Cooperative Extension Service in Franklin. She was a lifelong member of the Order of the Eastern Star and had previously been Worthy Grand Matron of the chapter in Carrollton, Ga.

She is survived by a son, Frank C. Brown III and wife Jennifer Grover of Blacksburg, Va.; a sister, Irene M. Morgan of Franklin; a nephew, Albert R. Morgan III of Franklin; and two nieces, Anna M. Simmons of Edmonds, Wash., and Andrea Mattison of Alexandria, La.

She touched deeply the lives, hearts and minds of many and she will be missed and fondly remembered, the family said.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

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