

Willa Mima Nooe Carmack, 95, of Lake Burton and formerly of Decatur, died Monday, July 31, 2006, in the presence of her family.

She was born April 7, 1911, in Louisville, Ky., to the Rev. Roger T. and Nancy Mitchell Nooe.

She graduated from the high school of Ward Belmont College in Nashville, Tenn., and William Woods Junior College in Fulton, Mo., where she was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa. She earned a bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University in 1933. She and her husband of nearly 71 years, I.W. Carmack, lived in Jacksonville, Fla., Columbus, Miami and Atlanta.

She was a homemaker. She was a member for more than 50 years of First Christian Church of Decatur, where she served as president of the Christian Women's Fellowship and the Gleaners Class. She also was a member of the Beacon Class. She taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School in Miami, Columbus and Decatur. She was a leader of Brownies and Girl Scouts in both Columbus and Decatur and was an active member in the neighborhood garden club. During her lifetime, she experienced a horse and buggy accident, an automobile accident and an airplane mishap. She crocheted more than 100 baby blankets for family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 71 years, I. W. Carmack; a brother, Roger Gowan Nooe; and a sister, Mary Louise Holt.

Survivors include: three daughters and two sons-in-law, Nancy and Jim Greene and Sally and Larry Anderson, all of Lake Burton, and Dr. Betty Carmack of San Francisco; three grandchildren and their spouses, Betty and Pat Grogan of Cedarburg, Wis., Tom and Michelle Brooks of Cumming and Mona and Geoff Stevens of Savannah; and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Wednesday at First Christian Church of Decatur. Memorial donations may be sent to First Christian Church of Decatur, 601 W. Ponce de Leon Ave., Decatur, GA 30030; Willa Mima Nooe Carmack Scholarship, c/o University of Alabama, P.O. Box 870122, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0122; Lexington Theological Seminary, 631 S. Limestone St., Lexington, KY 40508; or to a charity of one's choice.

The Clayton Tribune, Aug. 3, 2006