

Edith Poindexter Dillard, 84, of Dillard, Ga., formerly of Franklin, passed away Sunday, March 16, 2008.

Born June 8, 1923, in Franklin, she was the daughter of Lee Poindexter and Bessie Holland Poindexter. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Edwards Dillard; and a brother, Cecil Poindexter.

She was a dedicated and integral business partner, along with her husband, of the Dillard House for 43 years, from 1946 to 1989.

Survivors include her sons, Henry E. "Eddie" Dillard Jr. and wife Carolyn and David A. Dillard, all of Dillard; daughters, Betty L. Dillard of Demorest, Ga., and Henrietta D. Roberts and husband Jack of Dillard, Lynn D. Wansley of Dillard, and Connie D. Duvall and husband Jeff of Clayton, Ga.; a brother, Lee Poindexter and wife Donez of Colonial Heights, Va.; a sister-in-law, Grace Angel Poindexter of Franklin; grandchildren, Derek Dillard, Julie D. Speed and husband Bobby, Melanie C. Martin and husband Mike, Amy Roberts, Trey and Tyler Dillard, Elizabeth Wansley, and Miley and Louie Duvall; great-granddaughters, Madeline Martin and Sarabeth Speed; as well as a host of nieces and nephews, extended family, and longtime friends and devoted caregivers.

Services were held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, March 18, in the Chapel of Beck Funeral Home, with Rev. Bill McDole officiating.

The family received friends at noon, prior to the service at the funeral home.

A private burial service followed.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Beck Funeral Home in Clayton, Ga., was in charge of the arrangements.

An online memorial register is available by visiting [www.beckfuneralhome.com](http://www.beckfuneralhome.com).

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