

Katharine McCracken Elder, 99, St. Simons Island, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at Southeast Georgia Health Center in Brunswick.

She was born Feb. 18, 1908, in Bulloch County to Dr. H. Clifton and Mattie Reese McCracken. She graduated from Georgia State College in Milledgeville and earned a master's degree in literature from the University of Georgia. She taught school in Taylor, Crawford and Appling counties. She was the owner of Wyndale Farms, where she raised English shepherd dogs. She was a member of Glynn County Library and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She also was a member of St. Simons United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Charles Grady Elder; and a brother, Howard McCracken.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held Saturday at Omega Cemetery with the Rev. Don Proctor officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Simons United Methodist Church.

Swain Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements. This announcement courtesy of Beck Funeral Home.

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