

Louise Edwards Gibson

Louise Edwards Gibson, 88, of Sylva, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2005, at Mountain Trace Nursing Center after a battle with cancer.

A native of the Burningtown community of Macon County, she was the daughter of the late Absolom J. "Absie" and Daisy Anna Baldwin Edwards. She was married to the late Paul J. Gibson. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Louella E. Smith and Betty Jean E. Jennings; and two brothers, Robert L. Edwards and John W. Edwards.

She graduated from Franklin High School. For the duration of WWII, she was with the Signal Corps of the War Department in Arlington, Va. Afterward, she and her husband raised their family in Sylva, where she resided for 55 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher, GA leader and member of the Ruby Daniel women's missionary circle. She worked at Jackson Savings and Loan as a bookkeeper for 15 years and was a charter member of First Families of Old Buncombe.

She was a wonderful and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, a fine Christian example to all who knew her. She will be remembered for her sweet nature and constant smile. She was a true lady, the family said.

She is survived by two daughters, Deanne Gibson-Roles of Franklin and Janet G. Becker and husband Perry of Silver Spring, Md.; four sisters, Allia E. Burrell Mack of Brevard, Delma Jean Starback of Arlington, Va., and Gladys E. Tallent and Wilma E. Roper, both of Franklin; five grandchildren, Christopher Roles and wife Norma of San Francisco, Calif., Wendy R. Awald and husband Steve of Mills River, Heidi R. Daniels and husband Joey of Franklin, Lauren Becker of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Caroline Becker of Silver Spring; five great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, Oct. 29, at 2 p.m., at First Baptist Church in Sylva.

Burial will be in Iotla Baptist Church Cemetery in Macon County.

The family will receive friends Friday evening, Oct. 28, at Melton Riddle Funeral Home in Sylva.

Memorials may be made to the Broyhill Baptist Children's Home, 111 Sneed Dr., Clyde, NC 28721, or the Iotla Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, or Together We Grow, First Baptist Church in Sylva.

Melton Riddle Funeral Home in Sylva is in charge of the arrangements.

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