

### **Frances Horner Middlebrooks**

Funeral services for Mrs. Frances Horner Middlebrooks, 97, of Thomaston, Ga., were held Sunday, July 25, at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Thomaston, with the Rev. John Barnes and Dr. Albert Simmons officiating. Burial followed in Glenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Middlebrooks died Wednesday, July 21, at Providence Health Care in Thomaston.

She was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on Aug. 5, 1906, a daughter of Frank Elmer and Lydia Hyde Horner. She was the widow of the late Harry L. Middlebrooks.

Mrs. Middlebrooks was a graduate of Girls' High School in Atlanta and Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga. She was a retired French and English teacher and school librarian.

She was an active member and past president of the Thomaston chapter of AARP and was elected as a member of the Georgia Silver-Haired Legislature. She served as a regent for the John Houston chapter of DAR and was a active member and past president of the Upson County Historical Society.

She was a long-time member of First United Methodist in Thomaston, where she was past president of the UMW and sang alto in the church choir. As a lifetime lover of music, she helped form the Music Hobby Club and the Music Study Club that brought national artists to perform in Thomaston.

In her later years, she traveled extensively, visiting England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Canada, the Caribbean and places throughout the U.S.

Survivors include two daughters, Jean M. Morris and husband Ralph of Franklin and Patricia "Pitta" Carter of Atlanta; a son, Harry L. Middlebrooks Jr. of Los Angeles, Calif.; a sister, Mary Bird Harvey and husband Henry of State College, Pa.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Upson County Historical Society or First Methodist Church of Thomaston in care of Jean Morris, P.O. Box 2003, Franklin, NC 28744.

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