

Betty Murrell, 91, died Monday, July 16, 2007.

She was born Dec. 17, 1915, in Atlanta to Artie Caroline Shealy of Oglethorpe and Dr. Elisha Price Merritt of North Carolina. She attended Fairmont College in Washington, D.C. She returned to Atlanta and married Dr. Dodge Dustin Mentzer in 1938. She attended the world premiere of "Gone With the Wind" with her parents. She and her husband moved to Augusta and later to Lake City, Fla., and Lakeland, Fla., to follow his medical practice. After his death, she remarried and moved to Clayton, where she lived for 45 years.

She was an artist who sold many of her works in Dillsboro, N.C. She was a member of the Mountain Decorative Society. She became a licensed practical nurse in 1972 upon earning her degree at age 57. She then worked for Dr. Richard Turner in Clayton. She was a member of Saint James Episcopal Church and was a member of the Altar Society for many years.

Survivors include: a son, Bo Mentzer of Clayton; three daughters, Suzanne Shiver of Wesley Chapel, Fla., Betty DuBois of Fort Wales, Fla., and Carolyn Hoffmann of Alpharetta; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 10, at Saint James Episcopal Church. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to Saint James Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 69, Clayton, GA 30525.

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