

## Mary Olson

Mrs. Mary Kenpson Olson, age 89, of Alexandria, Va., formerly of Habersham County, Clarkesville and the Hollywood Community, died Monday, Oct. 28.

She was born on March 16, 1913, in Dillard, Ga., the daughter of the late James Clark and Lillie E. Inglis Kempson. When she was five, her family moved to the Hollywood Community outside Clarkesville. She attended the old A&M School and was a graduate of the University of Georgia, where she received her teaching degree. She returned to Clarkesville and taught the fourth grade.

In 1936, she moved to Chicago to live with her sister for five years. In 1941, she moved to Washington, D.C. and worked in the statistics division service for the armed forces, and for six years she was a statistician for the national headquarters of the American Red Cross.

It was during World War II that she met and married her late husband, Roy I. Olson, who was a commissioned army officer who served 26 years.

She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Arlington, Va.

In addition to Europe, North America, East Berlin, and a Rhine cruise, Mrs. Olson enjoyed travel in Canada, Bermuda, and Hawaii. She had a great interest in music and art, and said she enjoyed most the art museums in Europe and the Wagner Theater in Bayreuth, Germany.

Mrs. Olson was preceded in death by her husband, Col. Roy I. Olson, USA (Ret.), and by her siblings, Daisy Deal Still, Homer J. Deal, and Alma Deal Lovett.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Olson Ryan of Marietta, Ga.; two brothers, Robert Kempson of Chattanooga, Tenn. and James Kempson of Rome, Ga.; a sister-in-law, Ida West Deal of Clayton, Ga.; three grandchildren, Chase, Garrett and Kyle Ryan.

Graveside services were held at 12 noon on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002, at Ebenezer United Methodist Church Cemetery in Hollywood, Ga. The Rev. B.H. Berrier officiated.

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