



Betsye Crabtree

November 11, 1924 - September 23, 2008

Betsye Jeanette Burke Crabtree, 83, of 523 Hughes Road, Alton, Virginia died Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at her residence. She had been in declining health since 2001. Mrs. Crabtree was born in Buffalo, New York on November 11, 1924 a daughter of the late Willis Edison Burke and the late Frances Ibach Burke. She had lived most of her life in Newbern, N. C. and had been a resident of Alton for one year. She was married to Harrison Crabtree, who preceded her in death. She retired from Kid's Korner Day Care Center in Newbern where she had worked as a caregiver. Also she had dedicated a large portion of her life after the death of her husband to caring for stray cats. She is survived by two daughters and two sons including Frances Firth, and her husband, Jerry Firth of the residence, one brother and four sisters including Janice Forrest, of Poquoson, Va; six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. A memorial graveside service will be held at a later time at the Newbern National Cemetery in Newbern, N.C. The family suggests that memorials may be made to Halifax Hospice, 2204 Wilborn Avenue, S. Boston, Va. 24592. Wrenn-Yeatts, North Main Chapel is assisting the Crabtree family.