



Doris Smith Whitlow

March 16, 1922 - September 25, 2009

Mrs. Doris Smith Whitlow, age 87, died Friday afternoon at Piney Forest Health Care Center where she had been a resident, formerly of Abingdon Place and 426 Northmont Boulevard, Danville. Born on March 16, 1922 in Caswell County, N.C., she was the youngest daughter of Thomas Brooks Smith and Lottie Terrell Smith. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and spent most of her life in Danville where she was employed in Dept. Three Dress at Dan River Mills until her retirement in 1979. She was a longstanding member of the VFW, past president of the 647th Auxiliary and President of the Fifth District Auxiliary. She enjoyed oil painting and crafts. She was an outdoor enthusiast who loved fishing. She was predeceased by her husband, Harold Martin Whitlow. A mother of two, she was also predeceased by both sons, David Felix Burch, who died in Vietnam and Joseph Earl Burch, Jr. She was predeceased by five brothers, Wesley, Steve, Wilbur, and Charlie Smith. She was also predeceased by two sisters, Edna Smith McKinney and Bertie Smith Gunn. Survivors are five grandchildren, Tina Marsh and husband, Lee of Liberty, N.C., Cissy Caviness and husband, David of Climax, N.C., Laurie Gray of Raleigh, N.C., Deanna Willard and husband, Wayne of Brown Summit, N.C., Bobby Joe Burch and wife, Kathy of Pinetops, N.C. She is survived by eleven great grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, also one sister-in-law, Ruby M. Smith. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 pm. Monday, Sept. 28, 2009 in the Leasburg United Methodist Church Cemetery, Leasburg, N.C. by the Rev.

Thomas H. Smith, nephew of the deceased. The family will receive friends Sunday evening, Sept. 27, 2009 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Wrenn- Yeatts Funeral Home, Westover Chapel. The family wishes to express special gratitude for the kindnesses shown to Mrs. Whitlow by the resident assistants and med techs at Abingdon Place, as well as the CNA's and nurses at Piney Forest Health Care Center. A special thanks is extended to Dr. Stephen V. Davis.