



## Emma Oakley

May 18, 1924 - September 11, 2009

Emma Oakley, of Laurel Grove Community, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on September 11, 2009. Born May 18, 1924 in Pittsylvania County, she was the daughter of Samuel and Haney Walters Jones. She was married to the late James A. Oakley who died Jan. 12, 1980. She was also preceded in death by her son, James (Jimmy) A. Oakley, Jr., a brother Alfred Jones, and a sister Mary Eanes. Mrs. Oakley was a faithful member of Laurel Grove Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School and sang in the choir for many years. Her life was a testimony of her love for God, her family, church and friends. She graduated from Averett College and lived the majority of her life in her beloved Laurel Grove Community. She especially enjoyed volunteerism including hours given to God's Storehouse, Laurel Grove Fire Dept., Roman Eagle Memorial Home and Selah Christian Youth Camp. She was instrumental in establishing the Jimmy Oakley Scholarship Fund and Laurel Grove Community Center and Fire Dept. She is survived by two daughters, Virginia O. Rich, and husband Jimmy of Danville, and Sharon O. Gilbert and husband Jim of Sutherlin; five granddaughters, Jamie G. Yancey and husband Vince, Melanie Gilbert all of Sutherlin, Ashley Rich of Newport News, Meagan G. Burch and husband Chris, and Lauren R. Miller and husband Jason all of Danville; one great grandson, Tanner Yancey. A celebration of her life will be held at Laurel Grove Baptist Church at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, September 13, 2009 with Pastor Roger Eunice and the Reverend Carl Burger officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family

will receive friends at the church one hour before the service and again after burial. At other times the family will be at the home of her daughter, 436 Church Lane, Sutherlin. The family request in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Laurel Grove Baptist Church', 136 Church Lane, Sutherlin, VA 24594, or H.T. Reynolds Evangelistic Association, Inc. 4957 Mt. Cross Rd Danville, VA 24540.