



Helen Owen

July 5, 1923 - November 18, 2008

Helen Shelton Owen, 85, of 3626 South Boston Highway, Ringgold, VA died Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at Duke Medical Center. She had been in declining health since June. Mrs. Owen was born July 5, 1923 in the Shockoe community of Pittsylvania County a daughter of Daniel Webster Shelton and Ethel Edmunds Shelton. She had lived in Halifax County for 35 years and in the Ringgold community for the past 23 years. Mrs. Owen was a member of the Shockoe Baptist Church. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to her family and enjoyed working in her flower garden and cooking for family and friends. On December 9, 1939 she was married to Wilford Grayson (W.G.) Owen, who died November 19, 2007. Survivors include a daughter, Judy Marie Owen of Danville; six sons, John David Owen and wife, Rhonda of Danville, Paul Douglas Owen and James Henderson Owen of Ringgold, Jerry Martin Owen and wife, Vickie of Providence, NC, Franklin Grayson Owen and Preston Shelton Owen and his wife, Elinor of Richmond; brother Daniel Webster Shelton, Jr. and his wife, Liz of Virginia Beach, VA; a sister, Ida E. Hastings and her husband, Ralph of Danville; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. from the graveside in Highland Burial Park by the Reverend Carl Burger. The family will receive friends at the residence. Memorials donations may be made to the Ringgold Fire & Rescue P.O. Box 10 Ringgold, VA 24586. Wrenn-Yeatts, North Main Chapel is in charge of arrangements.