



Helen Parker

March 10, 1909 - October 8, 2009

Mrs. Helen Shelton McNeely Parker, passed away on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at Autumn Care. She was the daughter of the late Beverly H. McNeely and the late Mattie Shelton McNeely. A native of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, she had lived previously in Etowah, N.C. and moved to Haywood County in 2001. Mrs. Parker had received her Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education from Harrisonburg, Virginia State Teachers College and earned her Masters Degree from the University of Delaware. She began her teaching career in Leesburg, Va., taught a number of years in Norfolk, Va. and went on to teach in Newark, Del., retiring in 1975. She was one of the founding members of the Newark Symphony Association and was an avid bridge player. She also enjoyed gardening and traveling. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Newark, Del., and Brevard Davidson Presbyterian in Brevard, N.C. She is survived by two daughters, Sylvia Phillippi and husband, Jimmy of Waynesville, N.C., Joan P. Smith and husband, Arthur of Aiken, S.C., one sister, Eleanor Sue Weatherly and husband, Lloyd of Etowah, N.C., five grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Howard, Alvin, and Willie McNeely. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, October 17, 2009 at Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel with Rev. Steven Phillippi officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Burial Park. The family will receive friends at the funeral home prior to the service from 12:30 to 1:45 PM on Saturday, October 17, 2009. Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the

Parker family. Memorials may be made to Haywood Regional Medical Center Hospice, 560 Leroy George Drive, Clyde, N.C. 28721.