



Mary Williams

July 20, 1921 - July 19, 2009

Mary Magdalene Pannell Williams, 87, of 2514 Beechwood Lane, died Sunday at Danville Regional Medical Center. She had been in declining health for two and a half years and in the hospital for the past five weeks. Mrs. Williams was born on July 20, 1921 in Robbinsville, NC, a daughter of the late Benjamin Franklin Pannell and the late Jettie Rogers Pannell. She had lived most of her life in Danville and was of the baptist faith. Mary enjoyed gardening and she was an excellent cook and she especially enjoyed making wonderful sourdough bread which she shared with her friends. On September 27, 1936, she married Winfred Marion Williams, who died on February 19, 1978. She worked at Dan River Mills, Inc. as an inspector and later as a piece goods employee until her retirement in 1982. She is survived by her daughter, Juanita Faye Williams, of the residence, her half brother, Robert Pannell of Robbinsville, NC, and her special dear friends, Inez Calvert, Mark Calvert, Harriett Towler and Mary's beloved toy poodle Button. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by a son, Eugene Williams, four sisters, Ada Pannell, Bertha Phillips, Inez Carpenter, and Edith Colvard, and by one brother, Kenneth Pannell. Funeral services will be held from the graveside in Highland Burial Park on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. with Mr. Kinney Rorrer officiating. The family will receive friends on Tuesday evening at Wrenn-Yeatts, Westover Chapel from 7:00 - 8:30 P.M., and at other times at the residence. The family suggests that memorials may be made to the Danville Humane Society, P.O. Box 3352, Danville, VA 24543 or to the Danville Life Saving Crew, 202 Christopher Lane, Danville, VA 24541. Wrenn-Yeatts, Westover Chapel is serving the Williams family.