



Bernice Hatchel Hobday

May 12, 1923 - October 29, 2005

Bernice Adell Hatchell Hobday, died peacefully at 4:59am on Saturday, October 29, 2005 in Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville, North Carolina.

Bernice was born May 12, 1923 in Portsmouth where she and her surviving husband Donald, resided most of their lives. Bernice and Donald moved to Roanoke Rapids in 2002 to be close to their daughter and her family.

Bernice graduated with her nursing degree from the Norfolk General Hospital School of Nursing in 1944. She practiced for many years as a registered private duty nurse in Portsmouth. Bernice was also very active in her church, Churchland Baptist Church, where she taught children's classes for a number of years.

Bernice is survived by her husband of 61 years, Donald Kenneth Hobday, Sr.; 2 children, Cheryl Joy Hobday McElheney and her husband Charles Preston McElheney Jr of Roanoke Rapids, NC and Donald Kenneth Hobday, Jr. a and his wife Lesley Ann Hobday of Columbus, Ohio; son-in-law William Curtis Lincoln; 6 grandchildren: Rachel Dawn McElheney Porch, Shawn Alliene McElheney Perkins, Charles Preston McElheney III, Jennifer Lynn Hobday Wieand, Jeffrey Scott Hobday, Paul Curtis Lincoln; 12 great-grandchildren: Elizabeth Alliene Porch, Samantha Leigh Porch, Catherine Anne Porch,

Victoria Lynn Porch, Vivian Christine Porch, Christopher David Perkins, Charles Alexander Perkins, Melissa Rose Perkins, Kimberly Joy Perkins, Charles Preston McElheney IV, Ethan Luke McElheney, Natalie Marie McElheney. Her daughter Gayle Dawn Hobday Lincoln predeceased her.

A funeral service will be held at 3:30 PM Tuesday in Churchland Baptist Church, by the Reverend Lawrence Coleman, Sr. Pastor of Churchland Baptist Church and the Reverend Doctor Lavelle Waters, Sr. Pastor of Rosemary Baptist Church, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. Burial will follow at the church cemetery. The family will receive friends in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel from 7pm to 9pm Monday night. Memorial contributions may be made in Bernice Hobday's memory to the Churchland Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Churchland Baptist Church, 3031 Churchland Blvd, Chesapeake, Virginia 23321.

Tribute Wall



“ Farewell to a wonderful Lady. I have the fondest memories of Bernice, when I was a little boy. My sincere sympathy to everyone, you are in my thoughts and prayers, God Bless!##imported-begin##Sam I. Golightly, III##imported-end##

November 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Donald,
My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. God Bless You.##imported-begin##Audrey Sult##imported-end##

November 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Donald,
We were so sorry to learn about Bernice's death. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you.##imported-begin##George & Pat Sult Varney##imported-end##

October 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Donald & family,
My sincerest Sympathy to everyone. My brother K.T. in California just sent me the news here in Washington, D.C. Sorry I will not be able to attend tomorrow. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. God Bless You, Carolle##imported-begin##Carolle Vick Golightly Goudy##imported-end##

October 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sorry to hear of Mrs. Hobday's passing. The world will be a less interesting place without the force of her vibrant personality to propel it along each day.##imported-begin##John Clark Rayfield##imported-end##

October 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this time. Love to you and God be with you.##imported-begin##Portia Davis##imported-end##

October 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Hobday family,
I did not know Mrs. Hobday well, but there was one thing that stands out. It was her smile and radiant personality. I attended CBC until I moved in 2003 due to my husband's transfer. When I began attending the church, I knew a few members, but Mrs. Hobday was so friendly that it was as if we were old friends. I'm sure she will be greatly missed by her close friends and family, but her radiant trait will be passed on. Keep her memory close as you grieve.

Love,

Jan Monroe##imported-begin##Jan Monroe##imported-end##

October 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ All the staff at Oscar's Restaurant join us in expressing sympathy in the death of Mrs. Hobday. We shall all miss her gentle nature and friendliness. Mr. & Mrs. Alton Dickens##imported-begin##Betty M. Dickens##imported-end##

October 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ We want to express our sincere sympathy. We wish we could be with you at the service, but Pete is having an operation in Charlottesville and we have to leave on Monday morning. You will be in our prayers. Bernice was a special person who will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Pete and Margaret Mitchell##imported-end##

October 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM