



## Helen Bowen Read Hodges

April 2, 1926 - February 3, 2005

Helen Bowen Read Hodges, age 89, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 3, 2005. She was a member of Deep Creek Baptist Church and the Esther Chapter # 37 Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Hodges is survived by her husband Charles Hodges; two daughters Jane Harrell and her husband Larry, Ann Dillard and her husband Harry; step son Ronnie Hodges and his wife Karen; eight grandchildren Wade Dillard, Chris Dillard, Paul Dillard, Tommy Dillard, Heather Creech, Deanna Stuart, Michael Hodges and Jessica Hodges and twelve great-grandchildren. Her first husband James N. Read and her grandson Larry Harrell, Jr. predeceased her. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel by Rev. Larry Ryals with burial in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends in the funeral home Friday from 6:00 -7:30PM.

# Tribute Wall



“ Some of my fondest memories of Grandmama were of her making "wopples" for me for breakfast when I spent the night. One time she sat me at her desk so that I could write a letter to Santa Claus. Years later, she showed it to me and we laughed about it. One of my fondest memories of Grandmama was when I was just old enough to do yard work. She would often have me over to cut her grass and to trim up the yard so I could earn some money. Afterward she would make a nice lunch for me and she would always have a nice cold ginger ale to drink. As I got older I got to know her better and began to realize how devoted and caring a person she was. She loved her family dearly and she had many friends whom she visited often. She was always concerned about the the health and well being of her family and friends and made sure that their needs were taken care of. In the last few years of her life my mother and aunt spent a lot of time with her and in helping Charlie take care of her. Their devotion and loyalty to their mother epitomized the very characteristics that I had observed in her own life. Much of her, I see in them. Lastly, I'm so thankful that my wife Susan got to know Grandmama so well. I am thankful for the time that they were able to spend together. Grandmama was able to make it to mom's house this past Christmas which was so wonderful. As she was leaving she looked out of her car window and noticed one of the great grandchildren standing at the door looking at her. I saw in Grandmama's face the sadness of knowing that it would probably be the last time she would see her, but knowing in her heart that she had such a wonderful and loving family. We'll all miss her very much.##imported-begin##Wade Dillard##imported-end##

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