



# Katherine Osborne

April 21, 2009

Katherine Hayes Osborne, 87, passed away at Maryview Medical Center, Portsmouth, Virginia, on April 21, 2009 after a brief illness. She was born and raised in Chilhowie, Virginia Smyth County and lived there until she relocated to Portsmouth to be with her family.

She was a homemaker, wife, mother, sister and friend to all. She was known variously as "Granny" and by her husband's family as the "General" for her ability to bring order and she was our Prima Donna. She was the caregiver of the family and nursed her mother, Carolyn Carrie Hayes, her father, Reese Hayes and her loving husband of 60 years, Johnny through a lengthy illness. She was predeceased by four brothers, Robert, , JC, Gardner and Earl. Surviving her is her loving sister, Jody, her daughter Carolyn and husband Russell Gettier, two grandsons, Jason Hawks and wife Dawn, and Otis Jefferson Hawks, of Suffolk as well as two beautiful great grandchildren Rachel and Zac and loving step grandchildren and great grand children. Also surviving Katherine are many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Arrangements are being handled by Bradley Funeral Home, Chilhowie, Va. Services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Friday April 24, 2009 at the funeral chapel. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Elizabeth River Project, 475 Water Street, Portsmouth, Va 23704.

Having lived in the mountains most of her life, Katherine in her later years grew to love the Elizabeth River and its associated wild life. She especially loved watching the "big white birds", the ducks and squirrels. She will be missed greatly.