



Nellie Cates Snowden

September 14, 2008

Nellie Cates Snowden, 88, a native of Portsmouth and resident of Chesapeake, peacefully passed away on September 14 surrounded by family at the Maryview Nursing Care Center. She was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Mrs. Snowden was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and a retired employee of the City of Portsmouth.

Mrs. Snowden was predeceased by her husband, Robert M. Snowden, her sister, Grace Creasy and brothers, August Cates, Jerry Cates and Howard James. She was the daughter of the late James Clarence and Mary Elizabeth Cates.

She is survived by her children, Ruth Virginia Emmons and her husband, Nelson, Robert J. Snowden Sr. and his wife, Glenda, and Katherine Snowden Rivenbark and her husband, Terry. Mrs. Snowden was extremely proud of her eight grandchildren, Linda Nell Emmons Cooper and her husband, Tracy, Nelson Emmons Jr. and his wife, Namkang, Maryanne Emmons Conrod and her husband, Johan, Nicole Emmons, Robert J. Snowden Jr., Roth M. Snowden, Elizabeth Rivenbark Beaman and her husband, Rob, and Andrew Rivenbark. Mrs. Snowden is also survived by her seven great grandchildren, many loving nieces and nephews, and her friends.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Aldersgate

United Methodist Church located at 4320 Bruce Road, Chesapeake. The service will be officiated by the Rev. David R. Drinkard. A private burial will be held in Albert Horton Veteran Cemetery in Suffolk at a later date. The family suggests memorial contributions to Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Ruth, I was so sorry to learn about your mother's passing. I know how close you were to her and how faithful you have been in helping her live independently over the years. I have many fond memories of your mother from Thomas Jefferson Elementary School where she was a room mother and worked in the cafeteria. I can still see her sweet smile although it has been so many years ago. I would also see her in Portsmouth from time to time long after we were out of school. My sincere sympathy is with you and all your family. Love, Clara###imported-begin##Clara Faw Allen###imported-end##

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“ Kathy and Terry: Our thoughts and prayers go out for you during this time of sadness. Kathy, I know how much your mom has meant to you and how much you will miss her. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. Our love, Jimmy and Gayle###imported-begin##Gayle and Jimmy Hawks###imported-end##

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“ Hi Kathy, I know you don't believe it right now, but it will get better, although I can equally assure you that the pain never really stops altogether. And perhaps that is a good thing. With all that our parents gave us they deserve to be thought about daily. Kathy your Mom and Dad were wonderful "salt-of-the-earth" people who led lives that could be role models for us all. Our sincere condolences to you Terry and the family. Paul and Marcia Gibson###imported-begin##Paul & Marcia Gibson###imported-end##

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