



Thelma Bowen Parsons

September 11, 2007

Thelma Bowen Parsons, 82, went to be with the Lord on September 11, 2007. She was a native of Portsmouth, dedicated service to the Lord as a long-time active member of Centenary United Methodist Church, Mary Martha Sunday School President for over 30 years, President and Vice president of the UMW, member of the Rainbow Circle, dedicated family woman, dedicated to her church, family and friends. She was a former employee of the DMV, Treasurer of Bridge Club and many other groups.

Mrs. Parsons was predeceased her first husband, Alonzo Upton and her second husband, George Parsons and her son, Craig Upton. She is survived by 2 daughters, Janice Smith and husband, Smitty of Portsmouth, Karen Watkins and husband, Bob of Winchester; a step-son, Milton Parsons and wife, Janet of VA Beach; a sister, Sandra Maloney of Ft. Myers, FL and Fredericksburg; 8 grandchildren, Wendy McCoy and husband, Ryan, Bonnie Smith, Laurie DeGrand and husband, Matt, Ryan Upton and wife, Amanda, Jessica Watkins, John Watkins and wife, Sara, Joni Watkins, Jason Watkins and wife, Carrie and their children, Cole, Maya and Aiden.

A celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at Centenary United Methodist Church on Friday September 14, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. following a private burial. The family will receive friends following the memorial service in the church library. Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel will be open for viewing on Thursday September 13, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be given to the Centenary Youth

Scholarship Fund and Church World Service c/o Centenary United Methodist
Church 3312 Cedar Lane Portsmouth, VA 23703.

Tribute Wall



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time. She was certainly blessed to be surrounded by such a wonderful, loving and caring family, especially during her last few months. I hope you will be comforted in knowing she is with the Lord, enjoying life, pain-free.##imported-begin##Debbie Boukhalfa##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time. The service was beautiful. It was obvious how much she was loved by her family and friends, and how much she loved all of you.##imported-begin##Susan G. Moody##imported-end##

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