



Althea Elizabeth Schmidt

August 28, 1912 - October 6, 2008

Althea Elizabeth Schmidt, age 96, of the Martin's Chapel Community, passed away on Monday, October 6, 2008 at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 9, 2008 at Martins Chapel United Methodist Church at 11am with Reverend Bill Miles and Chaplain Frank Starling officiating. Burial followed at the Martins Chapel Church Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were David Robertson, Phillip Buckner, Danny Thigpen, Rick Wilson, Steve McDonald, Frank McDonald and Bill Stevens. Honorary pallbearers are Mr. Herschel Osborne and Mr. E.S. Rusk. Visitation was held at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 from 4-8pm and again on Thursday morning at the church from 10am until the hour of service. Mrs. Schmidt was born August 28, 1912 in Montgomery County, Tennessee to the late Herbert and Lena Steppee Allen. She was a home maker, loved to do things for others, and had achieved the recognition as the oldest living member of Martins Chapel United Methodist Church. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Arno Schmidt and her brothers and sisters. She is survived by her son, Gary (Betty) Schmidt of Martin's Chapel; daughter, Janice (Bob) Speck of Madison; loving niece, Mary Schmidt of Springfield; grandchildren, Laurie (Reese) Chism of Hendersonville, Allison (Matt) Yonker of Nashville and Jeff Schmidt of Springfield; great-granddaughter, Claudia Simone Chism of Hendersonville. Mrs. Schmidt is also survived by a host of other nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Martin's

Chapel United Methodist Church or to NorthCrest Hospice, both in care of Austin & Bell.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home is in charge of these arrangements. www.austinandbell.com

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