



Anna Belle Gower

November 21, 1915 - April 23, 2010

Anna Belle Gower, age 94, of Eustis, Florida, and formerly of Robertson County, passed away Friday, April 23, 2010 where she had been residing with her brother, Bill and his wife, Marie, since September of last year. While there she was able to spend renewed time and holidays with her nieces, nephews, and their families. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 29, 2010 at Noon in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Dr. Farris Moore and Reverend Joe Hinkle officiating. Burial followed in the Elmwood Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Don Poston, Lewis Heatherly, Rick Bryant, Justice Hyde, Roger Hutzler and Mike Gower. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Thursday morning from 10am until the time of service. Ms. Gower was born in Sandy Springs, the second eldest with four siblings; Robert Wynn Gower, William Carroll Gower, Lucy Gower Moon and Roy Binkley Gower. She was raised in the Methodist faith. Her family later moved to a farm in Pleasant View. She was a hard worker and devoted to her family. In addition to her farm chores, she enjoyed her gardens, both floral and vegetable. The yard was always adorned with varieties of shrubs and colorful flowers. After the passing of her father, Robert Bruce Gower, she and her mother, Madeline Wynn Gower, moved to Springfield. She worked in a "5 & Dime" and later at Savage, Greene & Wilson which later became known as Crawford & Herndon Plumbing Company. While a highly valued employee she surprised many of the clientele with her vast knowledge of plumbing and heating. Anna Belle retired at age 72. From that time until her passing she

enjoyed visiting with her family, friends and neighbors. Her continued love of flowers was evident by brightly blooming African Violets placed in windows throughout her house. She was the family historian remembering and recanting stories back to the young age of three. Her memory was remarkable. She was known as “Miss Gower”, “Anna Belle” and “Aunt Belle” throughout her life. She never married but had the love and respect of her surviving eight nieces and nephews, and later their families. She was generous, helping many of her family with her time and guidance. She will truly be missed – her quick smile, her non-complaining nature, her exceptional hostess abilities, the plates of homemade candies given to family, neighbors and postmen at Christmas. Her baking talents and the ever present homemade chocolate pies she always had waiting for her brother, Bill’s visits.