



Elsie Lowrie Burdett

December 29, 1913 - December 5, 2009

Elsie Rhea Lowrie Burdett, age 95, of Springfield, passed away December 5, 2009 at NorthCrest Medical Center. She was born December 29, 1913 in Lenoir City, Tennessee to Neta and Lee Lowrie who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death is her sister, Gladys Lillian, who died as a young child and her husband of 45 years, Clarence J. Burdett, who passed away November 3, 1982. She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Burdett Ramsey and son-in-law, Sam Ramsey of Springfield; her grand-daughter, Erin Rhea Ramsey Whited (Sam III) of White Bluff, TN, her grandson, Michael Ramsey and great-grandson, Matthew Ramsey, both of Clarksville.

Mrs. Burdett graduated from Lenoir City High School and attended one year at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, TN before marrying Clarence Burdett on September 4, 1937. She was a home maker and a devoted wife and mother. She was active in community events and church functions but was always the foremost caregiver to her immediate and extended family. She and her husband, who was president of First National Bank of Lenoir City, TN, retired to Sun City Center, Florida in the 1970s and enjoyed their time together there until his death. After her husband's death she continued using her gift as a caregiver by becoming a member of the Sun City Center Volunteer Rescue Squad, eventually becoming an EMT. She served with the Rescue Squad until she severely injured her shoulder lifting a gurney during an emergency call. At the time she was over 80 years old. Beginning in 2003 her independence and pride in self-sufficiency was compromised and then stolen by Alzheimer's

disease. In 2005 she moved to Springfield to be near her family. In her final years the care and compassion she had so gracefully shown to many people was returned to her by her family and her devoted caregivers at Morningside of Springfield and Home Instead.

She was a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Lenoir City and then Sun City Center Non-Denominational Church in Florida. A memorial service will be held in the Living Room at Morningside of Springfield, 205 Westgate Drive, Springfield, TN at 2:30pm, Monday, December 14, 2009 where the family will receive friends after the Service. A service will also be held later in the month in Lenoir City, TN. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Methodist Church in Lenoir City, the Alzheimer's Association or to the Robertson County Emergency Medical Service, all in c/o of Austin & Bell.