



Laura Ellis

February 13, 1935 - November 12, 2011

Laura Viola Drake Ellis, age 76, of the Gause Community of Robertson County, TN, died November 12, 2011 at Baptist Hospital. She was born February 13, 1935 to parents, William and Clara (Watts) Drake, who preceded her in death. She was raised in the Coopertown community, and married Rev. Hughes Ellis in 1951. He preceded her in death in 2006, after 54 years of marriage. She was a loving mother to 5 children, Anita (Ken) Haney, Joan (David) Simpson, Billy (Cindy) Ellis, Tony (Nonie) Ellis, Amy (Dale) Massey, as well as John (LaDohnna) Freeman, who was like a son and family member. She was “Nanny” to 17 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. She leaves siblings Johnny (Betty) Drake, Jimmy (Kay) Drake, Loretta (Gene) Morehead, Linda Coakley, as well as one sister-in-law, Kay (Rick) Searcy. She had a deep, abiding faith in Christ and was a member of New Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Joelton. She was a homemaker—wonderful cook and seamstress, pastor’s wife, godly mother and grandmother, as well as an avid learner, teacher, and detailed record keeper/historian. Literature & history, music, flowers & gardening, animals & all things of nature were special to her. She enjoyed sending cheer and encouragement to many with her own greeting card ministry. Special thanks is extended to Dr. Stephen Capizzi, and to her caregiver and friend, Audrey Comperry. Visitation will be Monday, November 14, from 4-8:00PM at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield. The funeral service will be on Tuesday, November 15, at 1:00PM at New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Joelton, TN, with Rev. Billy Ellis, Rev. Tom Malone, and Rev.

Vernon Barker officiating. The family will receive friends at the church on Tuesday from 11:00AM until the hour of service. Interment will be at Head's Free Will Baptist Church cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Free Will Baptist Bible College. All donations may be sent in care of Austin & Bell. Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield, TN is in charge of arrangements.

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“ *May you all find peace in your loving memories and in God's Grace.
Sending love and prayer.*

Mary Dillingham - November 14, 2011 at 09:24 AM