



Lena Marie Dawson

April 15, 1918 - December 9, 2008

Lena Marie Dawson, age 90, of Ridgetop passed away Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at NHC Healthcare in Springfield. Funeral services were held Friday, December 12, 2008 at 10am in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Greenbrier with Brother Jesse Gainous and Brother John Blackwell officiating. Burial followed in the Robertson County Memorial Gardens. Serving as pallbearers were Jeff Hand, Levi Dawson, Jerry Mathis, Jeff Ballard, Nathan Townsend and Jimmy Smith. Visitation for Mrs. Dawson was held at the funeral home on Thursday, December 11, 2008 from 4-8pm and on Friday morning until the time of service. Mrs. Dawson was born on May 15, 1918 in Coalinga, California to the late Ira M. and Mary Jane Clemmons Knight. She enjoyed working at Watauga Elementary School as a manager and "cafeteria lady" from 1966 until the late 1970's. She fed years of children as well as lots of parents and visitors. Their Turkey and Dressing at Thanksgiving was well known. Mrs. Dawson was also a very active member of the Ridgetop First Baptist Church which she loved very much. In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her daughter, Cornelia (Harrell Dean) Hand, sisters, Marverine Myers and Mary Reynolds, and her brothers, A.J. (Muriel) Knight, Ernest (Darlie) Knight, Charles Edward Knight, R.D. Knight, James Davidson, Lawrence Davidson and Harold Davidson. She is survived by sons, W.I. (Bonnette) Dawson and H. Randall (Teresa) Dawson, both of Greenbrier; sister, Lois Stovall, Martha (Bob) Senneff, and Dorothy Scheffler; grandchildren, Gayla Mathis, Jeff Hand, Bethany Dawson Ballard, Claudia

Dawson and Levi Dawson; and great-grandchildren, Nicole Layhew, Lucas Layhew, Kaylie Hand, Brianna Hand, Grant Ballard, Ethan Ballard, Mackenzie Dawson and Corbin Dawson. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to Ridgetop First Baptist Church in c/o Austin & Bell.