



Louise Rosson Carney

October 28, 1918 - December 17, 2009

Marie Louise “Mama Eze” Rosson Carney, of Springfield, passed away Thursday, December 17, 2009. A native of Springfield, TN, she was born October 28, 1918 in Adams to the late Louis “Bobo” and Sadie Mimms Rosson. In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her youngest son, William Louis “Billy Bo” Pepper of Bozeman, Montana and friend Bates Ellis. She is survived by son, Joseph Rosson (Mary Dixie) Pepper of Nashville; brother, William Mimms Rosson of Memphis; niece, Sara “Sadie” Rosson of Nashville; nephew, William McNeely Rosson of Memphis; grandchildren, Joseph Rosson “Ross” Pepper, Jr. of Nashville, Dixie Louise Pepper Carrigan of Nashville, Jennifer Louise Pepper, of Bozeman, Montana; great-grandchildren, Meryl Delaney Carrigan, Mary Rowan Carrigan and Julia James Pepper; friends Frances Hargrove of Nashville and Annie Smith of Springfield. Mrs. Carney grew up in Springfield where she graduated from Springfield High School. She attended Ward-Belmont College in Nashville and received a B.A. Degree from Brevard Community College in Melbourne, Florida. Mrs. Carney lived in Medford, NJ for eight years, for sixteen years in Satellite Beach, FL and for nine years in Daphne, AL before returning home to reside in Springfield in 1989. Mrs. Carney was a journalist, poet and author who was editor at the Springfield Herald for five years and a staff writer (Society Department) for the Nashville Banner. Mrs. Carney was a freelance writer for the Melbourne Times, Cocoa Tribune and Florida Today while she lived in Satellite Beach, FL. Among Mrs. Carney’s publications are two books:

“A Very Special Place – Beech Haven Camp for Girls, 1926-1940” (1996); and “Places in the Heart” (2006). Mrs. Carney was a member of the Springfield Baptist Church; National League of American Penwomen (Nashville Branch); and Charlotte Reeves Robertson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; and the Short Story Club. Funeral Services – Sunday, December 20, 2009 at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield at 2pm with Dr. Jerry Oakley officiating. Burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery with Ross Pepper, Bill Rosson, Shaun Carrigan, Allen Ellis, Jerome Ellis, Jeff Ellis, Ted Stubblefield and Mark Stubblefield serving as pallbearers. Visitation – Saturday, December 19, 2009 at the funeral home from 4-6pm and Sunday Noon until hour of service. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent to the Gorham-McBane Public Library, 405 White Street, Springfield, TN 37172.