



Melba Smith Powers

August 4, 1931 - February 6, 2013

Melba Smith Powers, age 81 years, passed away at Madison Campus Alive Hospice on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2013. She was born in Petersburg, TN to Thomas Smith & Bessie Louise Norman Smith on Aug. 4, 1931.

A Celebration of her life will be held Monday, Feb. 11, 2013 at 1:00pm at MADISON FUNERAL HOME, Madison, TN with Bro. Mike Tidwell officiating. She graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with her B. S. and earned her Master's in Education from Lipscomb University. She was a member of Alpha Delta Sorority. She was a member of Neelys Bend Church of Christ for 55 years. She taught at Neely's Bend Elementary School for 28 years and also at Bedford County, TN. She was a very talented musician who played the piano, mandolin, & autoharp. She loved to travel and garden. She was a bird and nature lover. She was a member of Iris Association and loved to collect wind mills & bird houses.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, John Thomas Powers; brother, Thomas Norman Smith & step-son, Jerry Suiter. She is survived by step-daughter, Sherry (Harold) Suiter, Madison, TN; devoted friends and neighbors, Marvin & Myra Bryant; Caregivers, Donna, Annette, Dorris, Faye & Sherry.

Friends may visit from 10-1pm the hour of the service on Monday at MADISON FUNERAL HOME, 219 East Old Hickory Blvd., Madison, TN, 37115.

Interment will follow at Springhill Cemetery, Madison, TN with Glenn Burton,

Doug Crabtree, Woody Harris, Tom Staggs, James Hudgins, & David Adams
serving as pallbearers.

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