



Laura Laverne Hamilton

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Laura Laverne Hamilton, age 83, of Alma died Saturday, December 27, 2008 at her daughter and son-in-laws residence in Waycross after an extended illness.

She was a native of Bacon County, daughter of the late David Franklin Tuten and Delilah (Lillia) Cothorn Tuten and was also preceded in death by her husband, Wilbert Jackson (W J) Hamilton, Sr., three sons, Dwight, Dwayne and Randall Hamilton, a grandson, Matthew Smith, a brother Loyd Tuten, two sisters, Beatrice Carter and Vernell Strickland. Laverne was a member of Walkerville Baptist Church but attended Carters Chapel Church in Bacon County.

Survivors include a son, Wilbert (W J) Hamilton, Jr. and wife Teresa of Waycross, a daughter, Linda Smith and husband Ronald of Waycross, a sister, Lucille Nettles of Douglas, seven grandchildren, Ron Smith of Patterson, Greg Smith of Panama City, FL, Tim Smith of Cudjoe Key, FL, Suzanne Jenings of Panama City, FL, Allen and Tammy Hamilton of Blackshear and Randall Hamilton of Homerville. Also, twelve great-grandchildren and two great great grandchildren survive.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, December 30, 2008 at 2 p.m. at the Jamestown Baptist Church with Rev. Loran Bryant and Rev. Lamar Christie officiating. Interment will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery in Alma. The Body will be carried to the church at 1 p.m. Tuesday to lie in state. The family will be receiving friends at Crosby Funeral Home Monday evening between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m. and are meeting at the residence of Ronald and Linda Smith at 1729 Calvin Road in Jamestown.

Active pallbearers will be, Wayne Williams, Toby and Roger Eason, Keith Davis, Linton Spell and James Sauls. Honorary escort will be Satilla Hospice of Waycross. Crosby Funeral Home is in charge of all the arrangements.