



Mary Lillian Dedge

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Mary Lillian Dedge passed away at Brown's Nursing Home in Statesboro on Sept. 3, 2009.

She recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Mrs. Dedge was born March 18, 1909 in Finleyson, Pulaski County to the late Dr. Stephen R. Mitchell (Papa) and Amanda Pope. Her husband of 54 years, Curtis A. Dedge, one sister, Grace Mitchell and two brothers, Pope and Marvin Mitchell, preceded Mary in death.

Mary was the Valedictorian of her class at Pineview High School in 1926. She lived in the Brunswick area many years and was known for her preaching, praying and singing. She also had a quick wit about her which her many friends enjoyed. In 1995 Mrs. Dedge was Mother of The Year at Golden Isles Church of God. She was a minister with the Church of God Denomination for 75 years and was a pastor of seven churches and evangelized during this time.

Mary is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Mitchell and Peggy Dedge of Statesboro; two grandchildren, Regina Eady (Stephen) of Duluth and Jonathan Dedge (Lyn) of Statesboro; four great-grandchildren, Katelyn Dedge, Patrick, Thomas and James Eady. She also has a sister, Nell Browne of Orlando, FL and several nieces and nephews who also live in Florida.

The Visitation will be held Saturday, 6-8 p.m. at Edo Miller & Sons Funeral Home in Brunswick. The Funeral service for Rev. Mary Dedge will be held in Brunswick on Sunday, 2 p.m. at the Golden Isles Church of God with Rev. Bobby Tatum officiating. The graveside service will be held in Alma at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be the members of the church board of Golden Isles Church of God. Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home are in charge of arrangements. www.edomillerandsons.com.