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Edna Stephenson Dupree, 80, of 202 Stancil Road, Angier, died Wednesday at Rex Hospital.

She suffered a debilitating stroke 60 years ago at the age of 19, just 12 days after her first child, Tommy, was born. The stroke left her speechless for three weeks and permanently paralyzed on her right side. With help from her husband, she learned to walk and talk again.

On April 9, 1941, she married T. Layton Dupree, a farmer. Her elder son became a preacher, her elder daughter achieved a doctorate in education, her younger son a plumber and younger daughter a registered nurse.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elder L.H. and Alice Stephenson; a son, Thomas Leonard "Tommy" (1988); her husband, Layton (2000); brothers, Nimrod and Donnie Stephenson; and a half sister, Ava Stephenson.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church, with which she united in March 1971.

Survivors include daughters, Nancy Canady and husband Red of Garner, Peggy Smith and husband Ray of Angier; a son, Charles and wife Sandra of Angier; grandchildren, Kimberly Lynn Michie and husband Kevin, Penny Sue Dupree, Kevin Raeford Smith, Lowell Kent Smith and wife Meredith, Trinity Daniel Clifton and wife Sylvia, Courtney Evalice Roy and husband Bobby; step grandchildren, Kasey Garrison, Christopher Garrison and wife Selena of Russellville, Ala.; great-grandchildren, Melissa, Jennifer and Amanda Clifton; and step-great-grandchild, Caleb Garrison; sisters, Ethel Briley of Alexandria, Va.; half sisters, Lola Delbridge of Goldsboro and Catherine Painter of Raleigh.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home and other times at the home, 202 Stancil Road. Memorials may be made to Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church, c/o Elder Danny Carroll, 6280 Harnett Co. Road, Willow Spring, N.C. 27592.

