

The Alma Times

Johnnie Lorene McCrea

Johnnie Lorene McCrea, age 85, of Alma; died peacefully Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at Memorial Health Center in Savannah after a short illness.

She was a native of Polk County, Florida but had lived in Bacon County the past 77 years. Lorene was daughter of the late John Andrew Crowley and Minnie Lee Mercer Crowley and was also preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Hudson Allen McCrea, an infant daughter, Johnnie Lorene McCrea, two brothers, Joseph Asa Crowley and Jim L. Crowley. She was a nurse for many years and a member of Douglas Chapel Baptist Church for the past 72 years.

Survivors include a son, Colonel Van McCrea of Seoul, Korea, four daughters, Susan M. Smith and husband Grooms of Alma, Dorothy Nell McDonald and husband Kirby of Hampton, Esther Kay Meeks and husband Donnie of Macon and Nancy M. Rigdon and husband Mitchel of Alma. Also 11 great-grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and five great great grandchildren survive.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 21 at 10 a.m. at Douglas Chapel Baptist Church with a personal eulogy by son Van McCrea and daughter Dorothy McDonald and Rev. Randy Ray officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The body will be carried to the church at 9 a.m. Saturday to lie in state for one hour. The family will be receiving friends at the funeral home Friday, June 21 evening between 6 and 9 p.m.

Active pallbearers will be, Joe, John and Jerry Crowley, Michael McDonald, Phil Tyre, Trenton Smith and Chris Rawlins. All others in attendance will be considered as honorary escort. Crosby Funeral Home is in charge of all the arrangements.