



Miles-Odum Funeral Home and Crematory

Mildred Miles Petersen

(July 27, 1929 - May 23, 2008)

Mrs. Mildred Miles Petersen, 78, of Waycross died Friday at Satilla Regional Medical Center after a brief illness.

She was born in Brantley County to the late John L. Miles, Sr., and Kathleen Hiers Miles. Shortly after marriage, Mrs. Petersen and her husband moved to Green Cove Springs, Florida, from there they lived in Houston, Texas before moving back to Waycross in 1969. She graduated from Georgia Teachers College in Statesboro, Georgia and went on to become a second grade teacher. After moving back to Waycross Mrs. Petersen worked the majority of her life in the egg business on the family farm. Mrs. Petersen retired from farming in 1984. Throughout life her greatest love was spending time with family, especially her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Petersen was a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church where she enjoyed being a member of the Joy Group, the Benevolent Committee and the Adult Couples Sunday School Class. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, John Clifton "Pete" Petersen, and two brothers, John L. "Snooky" Miles, Jr., and Charles Miles.

She is survived by a son, Roney Petersen and his wife Wanda of Waycross, two daughters, Kathy Martin and her husband Nolan of Metter, Georgia, Kirsten Foster and her husband David of Jacksonville, Florida, her grandchildren, Robert Ham, Jr., and his wife Sara of Centreville, Virginia, David Ham and his wife Jessica of San Antonio, Texas, Sarah Petersen of Waycross, Elizabeth Petersen of Waycross, Wesley Martin of Metter, Georgia, Miles Martin of Metter, Georgia, Carlie Foster of Jacksonville, Florida, Cooper Foster of Jacksonville, Florida, her great grandchildren, Robin Ham, Benny Ham, Joshua Ham, Isaac Ham, Rex Ham, Abby Ham, Jacob Ham, a brother, Donald Miles and his wife Ernestine of Waycross, two sisters, Deniece Crews and her husband Wesley of Waycross, Margaret Heller and her husband Richard of Jacksonville, Florida, two sister-in-laws, Claude Annie Miles of Waycross, Vera Petersen of Groves, Texas, a brother-in-law, Donald Petersen of Groves, Texas and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A funeral service will be held 11 am, Monday at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5-8 pm, Sunday at the Miles-Odum Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Rt. 2 Box 349, Waycross, Georgia 31503. Sympathy may be expressed by signing online at www.milesodumfuneralhome.com.