



Virginia Petty

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— **Virginia Carolyn “Sis” Petty**, age 80, of Irwinton passed away Wednesday, July 16, 2008. Services will be held Saturday, July 19, 2008, at 2 p.m. in the Irwinton United Methodist Church. The Rev. Eddie Braswell will officiate. Interment will be in the Masonic Cemetery in Irwinton.

Sis was born Dec. 7, 1928, in Irwinton. She was a servant of God, a devoted daughter, loving sister, special aunt, caring cousin, fabulous friend, tireless teacher, energetic volunteer and a second mother to many.

Sis was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Irwinton where she served her God and her church. She was a member of the Young at Heart group, participated in the Emmaus Walk, served on the Sager Brown United Methodist Committee of Relief and supported the United Methodist Children’s Home. Sis sponsored many mission trips with prayers and giving. She taught Sunday school as well as Bible School, served on numerous church committees, was the church delegate to the South Georgia Annual Conference and faithfully attended Bible Study Groups. Most recently, she even played in the church hand bell choir.

Sis also served others. She taught high school biology and chemistry for 30 years. After that, she continued to work at the high school as a librarian. When she retired from teaching, Sis began her second career at the Wilkinson County Telephone Company. She worked there for 17 years. Sis volunteered in numerous community activities. She spent endless hours volunteering with the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life, the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association. Sis died in Macon after a valiant battle with cancer. She lived a long and happy life. Sis sought and found how to serve.

Survivors include her brothers, Louis Lamar Petty Jr. of Irwinton, Raymond Dupree Petty Sr. and his wife, Geral Dent Petty of Newnan; niece, Sandra Petty McCormick and her husband John McCormick of Niceville, Fla.; nephew, Raymond Dupree Petty Jr. and his wife Marsha Mason Petty and their children, Mason Petty of Birmingham, Ala., Justin Petty and Jaclyn Petty of Madison, Miss.; cousins, Pat and Scotty Hatcher of Irwinton, Will Hatcher of Starkville, Miss., Trisha and Lee Hawthorne of Ivey, Tracy, Bobby, Cooper and Carson Hartley of Macon and Ashley Hawthorne of Macon, Alex and Joyce Carswell and their children, Lou, Lynn, Lex and Link of Florida, Jerry and Patsy Carswell and their children, Tona, Terran and Ty of Florida, Jane Crawley and her children, Neva and Ted of Florida, John and Judy Carswell Jr. and their children, Catherine and Lindsey of

Macon, Bob and Judy Carswell and their daughter, Tucker of Macon and Dot and J.W. Little of Macon and their children, Jay, Laurie and Sarah.

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Methodist Children's Home, P.O. Box 2525, Macon, GA 31203 and the American Cancer Society. Couey-Reece-Stanley Funeral Home in Gordon has charge of arrangements.