



Deloris Reba Graham

June 9, 1936 - January 22, 2013

Miss Deloris Reba Graham of Sweetwater, Tennessee, died Tuesday, January 22, at Wood Presbyterian Home. She was a long-time active member of the First Baptist Church in Sweetwater. She cherished her many friends in the community and in her church family. She was especially close to and depended upon her special friends Eulagray and Grant Hickey of Sweetwater. Deloris had a special relationship with her many brothers and sisters. She took great pleasure in being the very first to call with 'Happy Birthday Greetings' early in the morning on that special day of each of her siblings. Deloris was born on June 9, 1936, and raised in the Violet Community of Murphy, North Carolina and graduated from Tellico Plains High School in Tennessee. While living in Tennessee, she became a great sports fan of all Tennessee's teams.

Deloris was preceded in death by a young sister, Naomi Jean Graham; her mother, Edna Garrett Graham; her father, Rev. Willard D. Graham; and three nephews and a great niece. She is survived by five sisters and four brothers: Ernest Graham, Aiken, South Carolina; Dorothy Graham Roby (Mac) of Scottsdale, Arizona; Lucille Graham Rush (Terry) of Mableton, Georgia; Helen Graham Murphy (Olen) of the Hiwassee Dam Community, Murphy, North Carolina; Max G. Graham (Judy) of Villa Rica, Georgia; Ruth Graham Kent (Donald) of Cary, North Carolina; Willard Graham, Jr. (Alice) of the Sunny Point Community, Murphy, North Carolina; J. C. Graham (Dorothy) of Murphy, North Carolina; and Patricia Graham Forrister (Larry) of Raleigh, North

Carolina. She is also survived by 24 nieces and nephews, 35 great nieces and nephews, and two great-great nephews.

The body will lie in state at Violet Baptist Church in Murphy, NC from 12:00 noon until 1:45P.M. on Saturday, January 26, 2013 with the funeral service to follow at 2:00P.M. with Dr. Frank Crawford, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Sweetwater, and Rev. Jim Murphy, Deloris's nephew will be officiating. Interment to follow in the Violet Baptist Church Cemetery in Murphy, North Carolina. www.iviefuneralhomeinc.com