



Helen Cofer Thornton

October 29, 1919 - October 12, 2012

Helen Cofer Thornton, age 92, of Harriman, passed away Friday, October 12, 2012, at NHC Oak Ridge. She peacefully passed to Heaven to be with her family. She was a life-long resident of the Little Emory Community of Harriman and was a member of Big Emory Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Abe and Bertha Cofer; brother, William, Ted, Abe Jr., John, and George; sisters, Mary Polston and Bonnie Jones. Also preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Joe Thornton.

She is survived by:

Daughters:

JoAnn (Jerry) Gibson of Harriman

Patsy Lee Houser of Knoxville

Son:

Ronald (Sheila) Thornton of Harriman

6 Grandchildren:

Rich and Jeremy Gibson

Angelia Jenkins and Michael Houser

Kevin Thornton and Lisa Boles

Several great-grandchildren.

The family is grateful to the staff of NHC in Oak Ridge and Caris Hospice for the care given to their mother.

The family will receive friends Sunday, October 14, 2012, 6 to 8 p.m., at Kyker Funeral Home in Harriman. Funeral services will immediately follow with Rev. David Harmon and Rev. Neil Crass officiating. Interment in Roane Memorial Gardens, Monday, October 15, 2012, 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Big Emory Baptist Church Building Fund, 1607 Webster Road, Harriman, TN 37748.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sheila and Kevin, Nancy Armes told me of your loss. I am sorry that I will be unable to make the funeral home. Thinking of your family at this time.*

Your soccer friend from the trip to England and Holland many years ago with our boys.

Pam Klrthlink - Knoxville, TN - friend of Sheila - October 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Patsy and all family,
I was so sorry to learn of your mother's death. Please know you're
in my thoughts and prayers.*

Martha Myers Derreberry - Crossville, TN - friend of daughter - October 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM