



## Mattie Lou Hawkins

January 27, 2012

Mattie Lou Hawkins was born on July 24, 1914 and passed on peacefully January 27, 2012. She was born in Ball Play, TN and grew up in Tellico Plains, TN. Preceded in death by parents: Jacob and Lillie Burris McNabb; brother, Reese; and husband, Harry Lee Hawkins, Sr. After completing one year at Maryville College, she married Harry Hawkins, a well known banker in Tellico Plains, TN, and they had 58 beautiful years together. She was responsible for starting the first public library in Tellico Plains. After moving to Athens, she was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Kanunsita Garden Club, Child Welfare Club and became an accomplished seamstress. She was also instrumental in forming an Alzheimer's Support Group in the area. In 2003 she moved to Tellico Village to be nearer to family where she enjoyed life at The Neighborhood with many new friends. She was loved and cared for by the residents and staff. A truly southern lady, she was a wonderful example for her children with her strong faith, determination, motivation, and unconditional love. Survivors: daughters and sons-in-laws: Sherry and Dr. Paul Kyker, Jr. of Tellico Village, Marcie and David Dershimer of Winter Haven, FL., Janna Hawkins and Jess Guinn of Delano, TN; son and daughter-in-law; Dr. Harry Lee Hawkins, Jr. and Nanci of Shreveport, LA, 8 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. A private family service will be held Tuesday afternoon with burial to follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Athens, TN. A celebration service of her life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc, of TN, 2270

Sutherland Ave., Knoxville, TN 37919, Trinity United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 396, Athens, TN 37371, or the charity of your choice. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

DL

“ Sherry,  
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. If I can help in any way, please let me know.  
Daisie

---

**Daisie Lethcoe** - February 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ i hope you take comfort in knowing Mattie Lou and Harry are in heaven playing bridge with my parents.  
much love your way,  
Anne

---

**Anne Rymer** - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ So sorry for your loss. Will pray for you and you family in this time of sorrow, Rick

---

**Eric Weber** - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ So sorry for your loss. Willpray for you and you family in this time of sorrow. Rick

---

**Eric Weber** - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Marcie, keeping you and your family in my prayers. I remember your mom. She was so very kind.

---

**Connie kerr-Baumgardner** - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Condolence's to the family.*

---

**Maryheather Swainson West** - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *We have the family in our thoughts.*

---

**Bob & Georgia Lamb** - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *To the family and friends of Mattie Lou Hawkins  
May you find confort in the Lord for your great loss.*

---

**Gordon Dershimer** - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM