



Eva "Bea" Beatrice Merrell

October 10, 1923 - May 12, 2010

Eva Beatrice (Bea) Merrell, 86, went home to be with her Lord on May 12, 2010, at Autumn Care in Salisbury. She had been in declining health for seven years.

She was born in Rowan County on October 10, 1923, the daughter of the late Charlie Gilbert and Mattie Bernhardt Thomason. A graduate of East Spencer High School, she was a homemaker and worked for several years as a cafeteria manager for the Rowan County Schools.

Mrs. Merrell was currently a member of Union Lutheran Church and was a founding member of Maranatha Bible Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Thomas Merrell, whom she married on May 23, 1943. Sisters Estelle Ward, Sarah Goodman, and Rebecca Gobble, and brother Spencer Thomason, also preceded her.

Survivors include sons Lanny Merrell (Linda) of Rockwell; Duran Merrell (Linda) of Salisbury; and Barry Merrell (Patty) of Oxford. Also surviving are sisters Annie Shuping of China Grove, Jean Foster of Granite Quarry, and Colleene Baxley of Salisbury; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Visitation: The family will receive friends at Summersett Funeral Home in Salisbury on Thursday, May 13, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Service: The funeral service will be at Summersett Funeral Home on Friday, May 14, at 11:00 a.m., conducted by the Rev. Bob Freitas, pastor of Maranatha Bible Church. Burial will follow at Union Lutheran Church.

Memorials: May be made to Maranatha Bible Church, 2320 Statesville Blvd., Salisbury, 28147, or Union Lutheran Church, 4770 Bringle Ferry Rd., Salisbury, 28146.

The family would like to thank the staff at Autumn Care for their loving and competent care for Mrs. Merrell for nearly six years. Also, the family appreciates the services of Hospice.

Tribute Wall



“ I'm sorry for your loss. I lost my father so I can understand your pain. But Jesus gave us a hope in the Bible at John 11:25: "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." So, we will be able to see our loved ones again by means of the resurrection. Then we will never have to lose them again. Why can we say that? Because God has promised us this in the Bible at such scriptures as Isaiah 25:8, Isaiah 26:19, and Revelation 21:3-5. Isn't this good news? Please read these scriptures in your own Bible. Sincerely, Rosemarie##imported-begin##Rosemarie##imported-end##

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“ Bea will be missed. She leaves quite a legacy with a family that loves and serves the Lord. We pray that the family will be comforted with the knowledge that she is in His presence. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Stuart Smith##imported-end##

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