



Etta Boehms Skelley

August 28, 1920 - September 7, 2017

Etta Boehms Skelley finished her life on September 7, 2017 at Bay Lakes Assisted Living, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Etta, 97, was born August 28, 1920 in Leatherwood Community in Hickman County, Tennessee. Her parents, the late Kinzer N. Boehms and Nora Blanche Woody Boehms. Her mother passed away when Etta was 16. She was the oldest child of seven. Etta taught elementary in a one room school for two years in Hickman County before moving to Portsmouth, Virginia with other relatives to aid in the World War II efforts. It was at this time where she met her husband of 54 years, Willard R. Skelley, Jr. U.S. Navy retired.

Left to cherish Etta's memory are brother, Doug Boehms; her three children, Willard Richard Skelley III, Blanche Skelley Mullaney, David Patten Skelley ; grandchildren, Sheri Lynn Skelley Blaise, Charles Richard Skelley, Karen M. Skelley Repp, Renee Skelley King, Michael D. Skelley, Casey Mullaney Bozeman, John Patrick Mullaney, Shelley Gentry Harris and Charles Nathan Gentry; great-grandchildren, Michael & Kathren Blaise, Jacob King, Lindsey Repp, William Skelley, Hawkins and Piper Mullaney.

Preceding Etta in death was her husband of 54 years, W.R. Skelley, Jr.; five brothers Bob, Leslie, Lewis, Dwight, and Paul Boehms; and great-grandson Austin King. Burial will be at Little Lot Cemetery (6784 Little Lot Cemetery Road Lyles, TN, 37098).

Etta's interests centered in her home, family, and church. She was a very skilled seamstress and quilter. Etta also wrote a book on her mother's family, The Woodys and The Graceys. She was a gardener all her life and a great cook.

A celebration of life well-lived will be conducted at the Little Lot Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Little Lot United Methodist Church (6784 Little Lot Cemetery Road, Lyles, TN, 37098) or Little Lot Cemetery (C/O Jimmy Copley 7392 Highway 230, Lyles, TN, 37098).

The McDonald Funeral Home (102 West End Street, Centerville, TN, 37033) will assist the family with her arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed at www.altmeyerfh.com

Cemetery Details

Little Lot Cemetery

Lyles, TN 37098

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 16. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Funeral Service

SEP 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

SEP 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Little Lot Cemetery
Duck River, TN