



## Lela Mary Baker

June 29, 1917 - October 13, 2009

Mrs. Lela Mary O'Shields Baker age 92 of Centre, passed away Tuesday October 13th in a private healthcare facility. A memorial service will be held Friday at 1:30 P.M. at the Centre First Baptist Church with Rev. Melvyn Salter and Dr. Jim Wright officiating. Survivors include 2 sons, Jody (Michelle) Baker of Gadsden and Stave (Martha) Baker of Centre; grandchildren, Todd (Bridget) Baker, Stephanie Baker, Julie Buchannon; great grandson, Landon Buchannon. Mrs. Baker was a native of Dekalb County, the daughter of the late Felix and Lola Bell Pruitt O'Shields, and was a member of the Centre First Baptist Church. She graduated from Gadsden Business College and retired from Cherokee County Bank after 38 years of service. She volunteered her time helping others, including work as a Pink Lady for the hospital and serving as the local chairperson for the American Heart Association. She was active in the Chamber of Commerce, serving on the Christmas parade and Taste of Cherokee committees, was a member of the Business Professional Women's club from 1954 to 1998, was a member of the Etude Music Club as well as the Fortnightly/ Literary Club. A special thank you to all our friends who loved and cared for her. She will be missed.

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