



Lillian White

June 12, 2010

The first woman mayor in the state of Alabama, died June 12th. Lillian Whitt White served eighteen years in public service...8 as a city council member and 10 as mayor of Centre, Alabama. Lillian was pre-deceased by her husband, Dr. Walden White. She trained as a nurse at Forrest General Hospital in Gadsden and forty-four years served as a nurse by Dr. White's side. She was a loyal member of Centre First United Methodist Church for 75 years and served in many areas of the church. She was also a member and past president of Cherokee County Medical Auxillary, BPW and other civic organizations. She was on the Mental Health Board of the county and was honored by having the Smeltzer-White Mental Health Home named for her. Most recently a city street was named "Lillian White Street." Lillian is survived by her daughter, Pat Baker and her dearly loved son-in-law, Dr. Charles Baker. Five grandchildren are left to cherish and remember her sense of humor, happy times and unconditioned love. They are Mark (Wanda) Baker, Meg Baker, Miriam (Clay) Morris, Reb Baker and Chum (Marilou) Baker. Four great grandchildren also survive. She leaves behind her sisters, Novella Broom, Christine Meers, Frances Abel; two nieces, Anne Coker and Rebecca Franklin and a great niece, Jennifer Henslee. Viewing will be Monday from 5-7 at her home on Main Street in Centre. Pallbearers are Mark, Reb, Chum, Clay, her beloved nephew, Mike Broome, her great grandson, Claiborne Morris and Dear Friend, Dan Baker. Honorary pallbearers are Travis James, James Hurley, Johnny Proctor, Phil Powell, James Formby, Donnie Garrett, Billy

Mack Garrett, Dean Buttram, Jr. and Bob Howell. She will lie-in-state from 1-2 on Tuesday at Centre First United Methodist Church, with funeral services at 2:00 pm. Burial will follow at the Garrett-Walden Cemetery. Flowers will be accepted or donations made to Centre First United Methodist Church Building Fund or a charity of your choice.

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Pat & Family, We are so sadden to hear about your Sweet Mother's passing. She was a dear friend & such a blessing to our Family as well as to ALL of Cherokee County. We will miss her happy laughter & wonderful sense of humor. She will be remembered by many. May God Bless All of the Family. In Christian Love, Billy & Elaine (Callaway)Brooks and Lola V. (Jenkins) Calaway

Billy & Elaine Brooks - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Charles,Pat and family, I consider myself blessed to have had the pleasure of knowing your Mom. What an incredible woman she was, and what a wonderful life she had. She leaves that to be treasured by all!!! We can only hope to follow in those foot steps. So sorry I couldn't be there, but know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love June

June Van Slyke - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM