



Rosie Lee Downey

February 7, 1936 - January 6, 2013

Mrs. Rosie Downey, age 76 of Piedmont, passed away Sunday, January 6th at Cherokee Health and Rehab. Funeral services will be 3:PM Tuesday, January 8th, at Perry Funeral Home Chapel, with Bro. Danny Sprayberry and Bro. Gene Moore officiating; burial will follow in Mt. Olive Methodist Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1 until 3:PM Tuesday. Pallbearers include Terry McGatha, Jimmy DeBerry, David Bradley, Rickey Hackney, Kevin Bobbitt, Timmy Bobbitt Dan Butler and Scott Davis. Survivors include sons, Danny "Gene" Downey of Mt. Weisner community, Jackie Downey of Mtn. Springs community, Gerald Downey of Horton, Kenny Downey of Mt. Weisner community and Michael Downey of Piedmont; daughter, Rita Downey Bobbitt of Mt. Weisner community; brother, Charlie McGatha of Centre; sister-in-law, Erma McGatha of Centre; 8 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren. Special thanks to the caregivers of Cherokee Health and Rehab and to Gentiva Hospice. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dannie D. Downey; brothers, William McGatha, Orbin McGatha, Robert McGatha, Earnest McGatha, Hershel McGatha and Lum McGatha, Jr.; sister, Venice Black. Mrs. Downey was a native of Cherokee County, the daughter of the late Lum and Mattie Luler Pollard McGatha and was of the Congregational Methodist Faith.

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