



Mrs. Elma Mae Burnham

May 10, 1914 - April 5, 2010

Elma Mae Leitz Burnham was born May 10, 1914 in New Orleans to Helene and Albert Leitz.

She passed away April 5, 2010 at Springwood Care of Forsyth County after a lengthy battle with Alzheimers Disease.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Joseph Smallwood Burnham, her 3 sisters which were known lovingly to her family as the “Four Roses”, and a daughter, Doris Burnham Kahn of New Orleans.

She is survived by her two sons, Dr. Joseph Burnham Jr. (Sally) of Winston-Salem, NC, and James Burnham (Lesley) of New York and, a daughter Barbara Theidal of New Orleans. Elma had 6 loving grandchildren to whom she was affectionately know as “B”. Lauren Burnham Prevost (Anthony) Joseph Smallwood Burnham III, Sarah Ashley Burnham (Gayle Fishel) Abby Heller-Burnham, Ben Heller-Burnham, Adam Powell Bickford (Tayler) and Jon Hoyer of Denmark. She had 3 beautiful great granddaughters, Sarah Elisabeth Prevost and Halle Zachary Prevost and Piper June Bickford.

Elma and Joe moved to Asheville in 1937 and joined the First Congregational Church of Asheville where she sang in the choir for 47 years. She was involved in many civic and charitable organizations, her favorite of which was Asheville Meals on Wheels Program for which she drove for many years. She

enjoyed traveling and had a life long desire to expand her knowledge and experience. Her travels took her to every continent except Antarctica.

Always headstrong and a seeker of new ideas, she often led adult groups at church to explore concepts that were not of the mainstream yet never wavered from her faith in God.

The family appreciates the many expressions of love and gratitude ask that donations be made in Elmas name to the Asheville chapter of Meals on Wheels 146 Victoria Rd. Asheville, NC 28801

A funeral service will be held 1:00 PM, Sunday, April 11, 2010 in the Chapel of Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue. Interment will follow at Ashelawn Garden of Memories. The family will receive friends from 12:00 - 1:00 PM at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Ashelawn Gardens of Memory

901 Aiken Road
Asheville, NC 28804

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 252-1821
info@morrisfamilycare.com
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Service

APR 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Elma Mae Burnham*

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