



Beatrice Louise “Bea” Lewis Marion

May 31, 1924 – May 11, 2011

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Beatrice "Bea" Lewis Marion, 86, of Salem, transitioned to Heaven on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, following a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease, with her husband, oldest daughter, pastor, caregivers and spoiled dog surrounding.

She was born in Hinton, W.Va., on May 31, 1924, the only child of Guy John and Hazel J. Lewis.

She is survived by a devoted and loving husband, Aubrey Aldean (Dean), of 55 years; daughters, Deana Bea Marion, of Salem, and Mary Pat Griffith and husband, Curtis; grandchildren, Kimberly and Grace, of Georgia; first cousin, Sandra Goins and husband, Joe, of Hinton, W.Va.; sisters-in-law, Rita Marion, of Mt. Washington, Ky., and Helen Nicolaisen and husband, Al, of Ukiah, Calif.; and treasured friend, Peggy Worley and husband, Frank.

She was a member of Grace Baptist Church for over 35 years and instrumental in establishing the church library. Prior to becoming ill, she was an avid reader and quilter. Dean and Bea cherished camping trips with dear family friends: the annual church trip to Philpott Lake in the 70s when they often arrived early, along with gospel singing events at Watermelon Park and The Smokies during the 80s and 90s.

Funeral Services will be held at Grace Baptist Church on 1527 Gilford Avenue at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2011. Interment will follow in Sherwood Memorial

Park with Pastor Dale Mullinix officiating. The family will receive friends at Lotz Funeral Home on East Main Street in Salem from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, 2011.

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