

Beulah Frances Hank Leslie

June 19, 1925 – September 20, 2012

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Heaven is surely rejoicing with the arrival of God's faithful servant, Beulah Frances Hank Leslie, who surrounded by her family passed quietly from this world and into His loving arms on September 20, 2012.

She was born June 19, 1925 at Meadow Creek, WV, the daughter of the late Andrew Coleman and Esta Gwinn Hank.

"Maw Maw", as she was affectionately called by her loved ones, had a heart that was loving and kind to all who knew her especially her three children, eight grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. She never forgot us on a birthday, holidays, or special occasions, in times of illness or need. She praised our achievements, accepted our mistakes, and loved us unconditionally through many twists and turns of life. Regardless of the circumstances, she was proud of all her children and loved them as only a mother and grandmother could. Her eighty-seven years were full and active. She was a homemaker, taking care of her family during World War II while her husband James, was away serving in occupied Germany. She loved most of all gathering her family around her for a home cooked meal. She loved quilting, reusing, recycling bits and pieces of those that had already worn out. She faithfully served her church, the Riverview Chapel, through all the years of her life, serving as a Sunday School teacher and faithful servant of God. In later years, she also enjoyed attending her Grandson Derrick's church, Calvary Baptist, where she enjoyed listening to him preach and watch her great grandsons, Hunter and Dylan, sing and take part in church services. No one was ever left out. She especially loved Christmas where she would go overboard with her generosity, creating special goody boxes filled to the brim and stockings with the best surprises for all her dozens of family members. All holidays were a joyful feast with the kind of well-prepared food only Grandma could make. She used every means possible to serve someone else in need, saving box tops for the kids for school projects, collecting stamps for the church projects, gathering old buttons and religious materials to send to the poor in other nations, and countless other projects. She was an avid recycler, making sure the earth was as clean as it could possibly be from her efforts to put everything in its proper place. She was conscientious about waste, never throwing out food rather finding some way to re-warm or re-make a dish from leftovers. She loved reading her Bible, praying for

all in need, and listening to her favorite spiritual broadcasts on TV. What a great world this would be if everyone could be blessed with having a mother and grandmother like ours. She dedicated her whole life to giving us all she had, but the best she gave us was simply being our loving mother and "Maw-Maw" always there when we needed her.

She was married for 53 years to her husband James, who preceded her in death in 1996; her parents Coleman and Esta Hank; her sister, Jean, who passed in August, 2011.

Her memory lives on in those who anticipate their own joyful reunions with her someday: son Jim Leslie and wife, Carla, of North Carolina; son Coleman Leslie and wife, Rita, of Talcott; and daughter, Delores Ann Brandon and her husband, Pat, of Hinton; one brother, Bill Hank and wife, Marg, of Hinton; Her grandchildren, Derrick, Kim, Mark, Courtney, Alex, Brian, Heath and Heather and her ten great-grandchildren, Hunter, Dylan, Noah, Jonah, Isaac, Kara, Klay, Kaleigh, Taylor, Bailey, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning, September 24, at 10:00 a.m. at the Pivont Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton, conducted by Maw Maw's grandsons, Pastor Mark Brandon and Pastor Derrick Leslie, with burial following at Restwood Memorial Gardens.