

Mary Elizabeth Harvey Turner Herring

May 31, 1924 – March 5, 2008

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Mary Elizabeth Harvey Turner Herring, 83, a longtime resident of Suffolk, died March 3, 2008, in the Masonic Home of Virginia in Richmond surrounded by her family.

Mary was known for her lively sense of humor and her devotion to her church. She left behind a loving family including her two sons, James A. Turner of Chesapeake and Timothy S. Turner and his wife Mary of Richmond; a stepson, Kenneth W. Herring of Richmond; a stepson-in-law, David Phillips of Chesapeake; a step-granddaughter, Jennifer Herring; two step-grandsons, Donald and Jonathan Phillips of Chesapeake; a brother-in-law, James Turner of Fort Wayne, Ind.; a sister-in-law, Bette Joyce Haley of Richmond and her husband W.R. Haley; a nephew, Lynn Durham of Rainelle, W.Va.; four nieces, Tanja Christie of Rainelle, W.Va., Gwen Short and Charla Burgos, both of Hampton; and Pam Lewis of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her stepdaughter, Juanita Phillips. Mrs. Herring was the daughter of the late Grover and Bessie Harvey formerly of Hinton, W.Va.

She was married to Oscar Adrain Bud Turner, also formerly of Hinton, and they moved to Portsmouth and then Suffolk. They were married for 33 years before his death in 1977. She and Bud were charter members of Nansemond River Baptist Church in Suffolk, where she sang in the choir and taught a women's Sunday school class for more than 30 years. She also was a member of Driver Chapter 149, Order of the Eastern Star, in Suffolk. She was a sales clerk and then worked in the accounting department at Roses department store in Churchland, Va. After Bud's death, she married P.A. Herring, also a member of Nansemond River. They were married for 13 years before his death in 1998. She moved to Richmond in 2002 to live at the Masonic Home of Virginia. The family expresses special thanks to the residents and staff there for the friendships and kind and loving care they offered during her stay there. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today in Sturtevant Funeral Home, Bennett's Creek Chapel, Suffolk, where the funeral will

be held at 2 p.m. Thursday. Burial will follow in Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens, Suffolk.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to the Masonic Home of Virginia, 4101 Nine Mile Road, Richmond, VA 23223.