

Emma Frances Calwell

November 28, 1916 – March 17, 2007

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Emma Frances Calwell, a longtime resident of Washington, D.C., died Saturday, March 17, 2007. At the time of her death, she was a resident of the Teays Valley Center near Charleston, W.Va. She was the daughter of the late William Cary Calwell and Bessie Persinger Calwell and was born in Hinton, W.Va., on Nov. 28, 1916. "Ossie," as she was known to her many, many friends around the United States and world, was the younger of two siblings who predeceased her, Mildred Corker and Stuart Calwell.

She was a direct descendant of Samuel Calwell, a resident of Harford County, Maryland, and signer of the Bush Declaration, a declaration of independence from England and King George on March 22, 1775. Samuel's grandsons went on to establish the now famous Greenbrier resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. Frances enjoyed a keen interest in her family's famous roots throughout her life.

One of the first women in West Virginia to earn a private pilot's license, Frances left Hinton for New York City and trained as a dental assistant, a career she followed for an astonishing 65

years. After her training, she was employed by Standard Oil as a dental assistant in Aruba. But for most of her working life she worked in the Washington, D.C., offices of Dr. Anthony Culotta, becoming an honorary member of his family. Later, when Dr. Culotta's daughter, Margo, became a dentist and joined the practice, Frances continued on with them both, retiring in 2004. In that same year, at age 88, she gave up a lifelong game of golf, a game that lasted almost as long as she did.

Frances, throughout her life, made many circles of friends and family members. With seemingly effortless loyalty, she never forgot a birthday or holiday, always remembering to send a card or gift. Frances was everyone's spot of cheer, no matter the occasion, whether friend or stranger. But her greatest loyalty, in this regard, was reserved for her family circle and her circle of "Hinton" and "Mallow" friends. On Thursday, March 22, 2007, during a graveside service at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Covington, Va., where she was buried next to her mother, she was remembered by those gathered as she was in

life, a blithe spirit full of kindness and mirth.

She is survived by her nephews, Stuart and Cary Calwell of Charleston, W.Va., and Bernie Corker of Southside, Ala., as well as numerous great-nieces and nephews, cousins, and, of course, by seemingly endless circles of friends and family.

Information submitted by Pivont Funeral Home, Hinton, W.Va.