



Martha V. Bowen

June 3, 1928 - February 23, 2016

Ms. Martha V. Bowen, age 87 of Shelbyville, passed away on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at Stone Crest Medical Center in Smyrna. She was born on Sunday, June 3, 1928 in Booneville, Tennessee to John Wiley Ashby and Mary Lona Young Ashby. Ms. Bowen worked for many years at Model Sportswear and was also a waitress at Bridle Restaurant. She later retired from the housekeeping department at the Shelbyville Inn. A member of the Baptist faith, she was a member of Edgemont Baptist Church in Shelbyville. She was married to Robert Lee Bowen who preceded her in death in 1983. Along with her husband and her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, J.D and Robert Ashby and one sister, Ruby Campbell. Survivors include two children: Linda Gilbert of Shelbyville, and Charles Creson and his wife Airi of Tullahoma. Ms. Bowen is survived by one brother, W.C. Ashby of Florida as well as six grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. Visitation with the family will be on Thursday, February 25, 2016 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at Gowen-Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be on Friday, February 26, 2016 at 1:00 pm from the chapel of Gowen-Smith with Brother Charles Creson Jr. officiating. Burial will follow in Willow Mount Cemetery. The family will also receive visitors on Friday morning at the funeral home from 11:00 am until service time.

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