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Gloria Jiene Brinkley

Franklin, NC - Gloria Jiene Brinkley, a Jacksonville native and only child of Winton and Margaret Brinkley, passed from this life into her new life in heaven with her Lord on January 1, 2011 following a brief illness in Franklin, NC. She was 83 years young.

As an only child, Gloria prayed for a little brother. Her prayers were answered when her parents took into their home a cousin, Speedy, who lived with the family during the Depression.

After graduating from Robert E. Lee High School in Jacksonville, FL she earned a B.S. Degree in Business and Secretarial Studies from Stetson University. She taught in a private girls' college in Illinois for three years before returning to Jacksonville to be near her ailing parents. After earning her Master's Degree from Presbyterian School of Christian Education which is now affiliated with Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia she taught at Florida Community College at Jacksonville, now Florida State College at Jacksonville, until her retirement in 1988. Following her retirement, Gloria Jiene bought a home in her beloved Otto, NC and became active in the Franklin community.

While living in Jacksonville, Gloria Jiene was an active member and ordained Elder at Lakeshore Presbyterian Church. While in NC she has been an active member of First Presbyterian Church. Her hobbies included counted cross stitich and reading.

Gloria Jiene Brinkley leaves to mourn her passing her five cousins and a large host of friends. A memorial service in witness to her resurrection will take place at the First Presbyterian Church in Franklin, NC on Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 2 PM. A reception will follow the service in Tartan Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 26 Church Street, Franklin, NC 28734 or to the Lewis Rathbun Wellness Center, 121 Sherwood Rd., Asheville, NC 28803.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
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