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Cleophas ("Cleo") Duncan

Franklin, NC - Cleophas ("Cleo") Duncan, 85, of Franklin, NC died peacefully at home on August 31, 2011. Born in Trinity, AL on May 18, 1926, Cleo lived in Franklin for the last 65 years.

Over the years she worked in various local businesses (Belk's Department Store, Burlington Industries, Blue Bell Industries, Carolina Pharmacy), was a loving homemaker, and was a member of Patton United Methodist Church. As a TVA worker during World War II, she was stationed at Kentucky Dam in Paducah, KY, before being transferred to the Fontana Dam project. There she met the love of her life, Porter C. Duncan, and they were married, April 13, 1945. After work on Fontana Dam was completed, the couple moved to Oak Ridge, TN where Porter worked in the National Defense facility. They returned to Franklin in 1946 and lived happily there together for the rest of their married life. Cleo was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and aunt. She lived a full and active life, evidencing the "Fruit of the Spirit" in all that she did.

She is survived by her husband Porter; son and daughter-in law, Don and Beth Duncan of Raleigh, NC; Lawrence and Donna Patton of Franklin; grandchildren, Lawrence A. Duncan of Portland, OR, and Lisa E. Duncan of Putney, VT; sister-in-law, Betty Duncan of Austin, TX; nieces and nephews, Thelma (Richard) Craig, John Gay Yochum, Wanda Lou (Wendell) Holden, Lorene (Ronald) Rector, Shelba Jean Smith, James Edward "Buddy" (Linda) Dotson, Jack (Dolores) Harris, Gracie McGlone, Betty Landes, Jim (Susan) Lockwood, Agnes (W.P. "Boy") Barbee, Catherine (Paul) Sutton, Marge (George) Morris, Grace (Cricket) Matteis, Pat Walker; and several great-nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express special thanks to the Pastor and members of Patton United Methodist Church, residents of Patton Community, the staff at Angel Medical Center and Angel Home Health & Hospice, and Dr. David Franks and Dr. Mohan Thakuri for their kindness and compassion. Visitation will be at Bryant-Grant Funeral Home, 105 West Main Street, Franklin, NC on Monday, September 5, 2011 from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at Patton United Methodist Church on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Keith Newell and Rev. Andy Cloer officiating. Interment will follow at the church cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jim Barker, Johnny Cloer, Bobby Mashburn, Gary Holland, Robie Wood, and Roy Wood.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Patton United Methodist Church, Angel Home Health & Hospice, or the American Cancer Society.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
Online condolences are available by visiting bryantgrantfuneralhome.com or by email.