



Virginia H. Gilliard

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Virginia Helen Lee Gilliard, 72, of Waycross, passed away Tuesday afternoon, March 11, 2009, at Baptist Village following an extended illness.

A native and lifelong resident of Ware County, she was the daughter of the late Jessie Raymond Lee and the late Florence Louella Hickox Lee. Her husband, Alfred Purdum Gilliard and a son, Buddy Gilliard, preceded her in death. She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Waycross.

Survivors include two sons Ray Gilliard (Patricia), Green Cove Springs, FL and Joe Gilliard, Savannah; six grandchildren Dale Wiley (Julie), Nashville, Salina Robins (Jon), Hilton Head, SC, Joe Gilliard Jr. (Kelly), Savannah, Carmen Gilliard, Zephyrhills FL, Amber Tibbs (Cole), Birchwood, TN, Alexis Gilliard, Zephyrhills, FL and Jessica Gilliard, North Carolina, eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Jean Johnson (Tom), Pensacola, FL, Betty Eastridge, Houston, TX, and a brother, Parnell Lee, Madank, TX and several other nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Visitation will take place from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 13, from the chapel of Smith Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Hephzibah Church Cemetery in Ware County.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.smithfuneralhome.us. Smith Funeral Home in Blackshear is in charge of arrangements.