



Ruby Pickering

February 9, 1931 - September 1, 2013

Mrs. Ruby Pickering, born in February of 1931, to the late George Franklin "Frank" Hand, Jr. and Vassie Lee Gay Hand in Albany, Georgia went home to be with the Lord Sunday evening, September 1, 2013 after an extended illness. She was 82. Ruby was born just 3 months after the death of her only brother, Clinton Hand and became one of 6 sisters who grew to adulthood. The family moved their home to Moultrie, Georgia where she met and married the late Horace Edwards and began a family. She and Horace finally settled in the Decatur area where she made lifelong friends. Her passion was music and her family. She was the driving force behind the choir programs, a bell choir program and even a few churches being founded. When her marriage ended, Ruby pressed into God even closer and being the prayer warrior she always had been, the Lord sent her the love of her life, Jimmie D. Pickering. Ruby and Jimmie were married over 38 years and she leaves our beloved Jim-Daddy to mourn the company of his wife and friend. Ruby was predeceased by her parents, all her siblings and 2 grandchildren, Genise Ann Jones and Seth Clough. She is survived by her children, Linda Jo Jones, Conyers, Vickie and Steve Davis, McDonough, Denise and John Milligan, TX, Gaye Lynn Edwards Puerner, Conyers and Shawn and Lisa Edwards, Covington. Ruby was a grandmother of 21 and had 12 great-grandchildren, along with a very large extended family of step-children and grandchildren. She finished her race, fought the good fight and we are throwing her a going home party at Prospect United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 7, 2013 at 11 a.m.

with Rev. Ronny Brannen officiating; interment will follow in the church cemetery. The body will lie in state beginning at 10 a.m. The family will receive visitors Friday, September 6, 2013 from 2 until 4 p.m. and 6 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.