



Wanda Southerland

March 26, 1924 - December 22, 2009

The lady whom everyone knew as "Wanda" closed out her life on this earth and joined her Lord on December 22, 2009 in Searcy, Arkansas. Wanda was born March 26, 1924 to B.C. Sharp and Pearl (Altom) Sharp of Floral, Arkansas. She was the fourth of their five children. She grew up there and graduated from the Floral High School. She married Lowell Southerland in 1941 and they had three sons. She received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Arkansas State Teachers College (now University of Central Arkansas) and spent many years as an elementary school teacher. Wanda lived most of her life in Central Arkansas and lived in Morrilton, Arkansas for almost thirty years before moving to Searcy, where she spent her final years. She was a devout Baptist and served as a Bible teacher for children and adults for over 45 years. She was a friend to everyone she met and her greatest joy was helping others.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, her parents, two brothers and one sister. She is survived by her three sons, Julian Southerland and his wife Elaine of Kingman, Arizona, Norman Southerland and his wife Janie of Searcy, Arkansas, and Dwight Southerland and his wife Caryn of Conway, Arkansas. She is also survived by one sister, Maxine Hicks and her husband Roy of Somerset, Kentucky, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be held at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel, Searcy, Arkansas, on Tuesday at 1:00 pm. Visitation before the service from 12 - 1. Burial will follow at the Concord Cemetery, Concord, Arkansas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Arkansas Baptist Children's Home.