



Mrs. Bertie Johns Harrison

October 1, 1919 - January 18, 2009

Bertie M. Harrison, 89 passed January 17, 2009. She was born in Surry County Virginia, October 1, 1919. She attended school in Surry County. Her parents were Landon G. (Tony) Johns and Berdie N. Johns; she was married to the late F. Douglas Harrison of Surry County. They moved to Scarsdale, N.Y. for a brief period and returned to Surry County; later making their home in Newport News, VA. In Newport News, she was a cashier at Newsome Park grocery store for many years; later becoming a successful sales representative for the Avon Company. Bertie was an incredible family anchor; always delivering cake and ice cream for family and friends on their birthdays. Her home was always the family's gathering place for holidays; her greatest pleasure was making each person feel welcomed. At end of the celebration, everyone would leave with an Avon product. Bertie is survived by daughters: Eva Mae Jones (Washington, DC), Patricia Woodard (Newport News), and Regina Harrison (deceased). Siblings are Flossie J. Gilchrist, Rebecca Wooden, & Melvin Johns (Surry County); deceased are Johnnie Raymond Johns II, Tony Gill Johns, & Esther J. Marshall. Bertie had numerous grand children and great grand children. Bertie was a member of Lebanon Baptist church (Surry), and later joined Miracle Temple in Newport News. Viewing will be held from 12 – 6pm Friday, January 23, 2009, at M. E. Fisher Funeral home, 2117 Madison Ave. Newport News. A celebration of her life will be 1pm, Saturday, January 24, 2009, at Miracle Temple, 617 32nd Street, Newport News, VA 23607. Interment will follow in Weirneck Cemetery, Surry, VA.