



Sara Helms Grissop

Stanley

Sara Helms Grissop, 90, passed away November 2, 2014 at the Robin Johnson Hospice House. She was born in Stanley, daughter of the late Henry Oliver Haywood Helms and Minnie Lee Cloninger Helms. She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years John Alton Grissop, and siblings Fannie Ma Helms Phillips, Laura Esther Helms McAlister, Henry Oliver Haywood Helms, Jr., Theodore Franklin Helms, John Thomas "JT" Helms, Sr., Marvin Lee Helms, and Mary Elizabeth Helms. She was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church in Stanley. She retired from J.P. Stevens in Stanley in 1990 after 48 ½ years of service. She helped make the Brevard Station Museum in Stanley become a reality in 1991, She was co-editor of Echos and Shadows of Two Centuries in 1999. She served as Grand Marshall of the Stanley Christmas parade in 1998. She served on the Family History Committee for the Gaston County Heritage Book, and wrote the first history of the First United Methodist Church in Stanley.

Survivors include a daughter Marcia Jan Grissop Stewart and husband Eddie of Stanley, grandchildren Brian Christopher Stewart and wife Blaire of Candler, NC, Steven Darrell Stewart and wife Kim, Lynn Stewart McSwain and husband Dave all of Stanley, Michael James Alton Stewart and fiancé Kaitlin Saulter of Lancaster, SC, great grandchildren Lance, Landyn, and Lethan Stewart, Daniel Heath, Marty Tessneer, Auston Melton, Christopher and Colby McSwain.

The funeral service conducted by Pastor Noel Sweezy will be held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday November 5, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church in Stanley. Interment will follow in the Stanley Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Woodlawn Funeral Home in Mount Holly from 6 – 8 p.m. Tuesday, and other times at the home of Darrell Stewart, 1038 Upper Spencer Mountain Road, Stanley. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 217 North Main St, Stanley NC 28164, or Hospice of Gaston County, PO Box 3984, Gastonia NC 28053. Woodlawn Funeral Home of Mount Holly is serving the family.



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