

## Eleanor Abbe



Eleanor Abbe, Carolina Village in Hendersonville, N.C., passed away Monday morning, Dec. 3, 2007. She loved the Lord Jesus and looked forward to her eternal reward.

Eleanor was born in Pigeon. After marrying and raising four children in Saginaw, Eleanor trained to become an interior designer. She very much enjoyed working in this field for several years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Hendersonville, NC.

Her husband, Kenneth W. Abbe, preceded her in death on June 13, 1993. They met on a high school band trip to Holland, Mich., where they both played trombone for the famous tulip festival. Married in 1937, they soon opened what would become a very successful independent insurance agency.

Eleanor is survived by her four loving children, Jean Burke, James (Alice) Abbe, Mary (Dr. Randall) Johnson and Mark Abbe; nine grandchildren, Michael (Kelly) Burke, Patricia (Todd) Gunderson, Susan (Greg) Heil, Chris (Brook) Abbe, Dr Jeffery Johnson, Katherine (Jude) Burke, Dr Melissa Johnson, Bryan Abbe and Robert Abbe; nine great-grandchildren and two step grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007 at 2p.m. in the Carolina Village Hall. A reception will follow in the Fireside Lounge.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Presbyterian Home for Children, 80 Lake Eden Rd, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711, or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 551 Thirty-Sixth St. SE, Wyoming, Mich., 49548.

Thos. Shepherd & Son Funeral Directors and Cremation Memorial Center handled the arrangements. An online register book is available at [www.thosshepherd.com](http://www.thosshepherd.com)