



Lodene McDowell

July 23, 1916 - May 22, 2008

Lodene Bratcher (Bratcher) McDowell, age 91, of Highland, IL., died Thursday, May 22, 2008, at St. Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

She was born July 23, 1916, in Smithboro, IL., the daughter of William and Sarah (Raines) Bratcher.

On October 22, 1944, she married Edward B. McDowell (died 3/15/1987), who passed away March 15, 1987.

She was a member of Highland Southern Baptist Church.

She was also a member of Member of Highland Southern Baptist Church, Highland, IL; former member of First Baptist Churches in Greenville, IL, Marble Falls and Copperas Cove, TX.

Mrs. McDowell was born in Smithboro, IL. She grew up in the Greenville, IL area, graduated as part of the Greenville High School class of 1933, and later worked for Demoulin Bros, in Greenville. After moving to Texas, she and her husband farmed in Copperas Cove, Texas. They moved to Marble Falls, TX and lived there for 27 years. Mrs. McDowell worked for the Civil Service in Ft. Hood. She moved to Highland in 1995. Her hobbies were sewing, reading (history), quilting and knitting. She moved to Highland Health Care in 2000.

She survived by nephews and nieces, Julian E. (Irene) Armbruster of Highland, IL, Richard C. (Susie) Armbruster of Hillsboro, IL, Marge L. (William) Basler of Highland, IL and Darlene Settle of San Antonio, TX.

She was preceded in death by Father-William Bratcher, Mother-Sarah (nee Raines) Bratcher, Husband-Edward B. McDowell (died 3/15/1987), Sister-Irene Casada (died 1927), Sister-Agnes Armbruster (died July 6, 1993), Sister-Edith Bratcher (died at age 2 yrs), Brother-Glenn Bratcher, Brother-Brovis \"Bob\" Bratcher, two Nieces Agnes A. McGuire and Mary F. Liening.