

# Ramona B. Heslep



Ramona Elizabeth Brown Heslep, 86, of Brownsburg, died peacefully Sunday, May 8, 2016 surrounded by family at Blue Ridge Christian Homes in Raphine.

She was born July 29, 1929 in Swoope, the daughter of the late John Clemmer Brown and Pauline Hulvey Brown. She graduated from Brownsburg High School and Madison College where she earned her teaching certificate. Her teaching career gave way to a life of caring for her family. She volunteered at Stonewall Jackson Hospital and was an avid gardener, bird-watcher, and antiquer. She enjoyed her pets, books, and crewel embroidery. Baking and traveling, especially to the beach, were some of her favorite passtimes. She attended Marlbrook Baptist Church in her later years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Heslep, her brother, Frederick Brown, and her sister, Hilda Brown. She is survived by three children, Connie Heslep Huffman, John Scott Heslep (and wife Kim), and Gail Heslep Clark (and husband Ron), all of Brownsburg. Her seven grandchildren were her pride and joy - Amanda Glover (and husband John), Brandan Huffman (and wife Tracy), Julia Ladd (and husband Tyler), Toria Brown (and husband Craig), Codee Clark, Margaux Clark, and Matthew Clark. She was also blessed with ten great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be conducted 4 p.m. Thursday, May 12, 2016 at McElwee Chapel cemetery by her cousin the Rev. Leroy Hulvey, the Rev. Christina Tutterow and Pastor Larry Wright. Following the graveside service, the family will receive friends at a reception at Marlbrook Baptist Church in Raphine. To honor her love for animals, memorial contributions can be made to the Rockbridge Area SPCA, P.O. Box 528, Lexington, VA 24450. Special thanks to all the staff at Blue Ridge Christian Homes for her excellent and compassionate end-of-life care and her dedicated caregivers who cared for her for many years.

Arrangements are being handled by Harrison Funeral Home and Crematory.

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