



Delores Anne McDowell

November 18, 2008

Delores Anne McDowell Myrtle Beach Delores Anne McDowell passed away Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at the Grand Strand Regional Hospital. Mrs. McDowell was born September 2, 1932 in Danville, VA, the daughter of Z.Z. Shorter and Mozelle A. Shorter. She worked for many years for the Department of Social Services in West Virginia in the crippled children division. She was an active member of various Methodist Churches for over 50 years, working in many capacities including singing in the choir which was a great joy to her. She was also an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10420 in Murrells Inlet, SC. Mrs. McDowell was loved and respected by all who knew her. Survivors include her husband of 56 years Donald McDowell; daughters, Michele Merico and her husband Mark of Thurmont, MD; Stephanie McDowell of Fairmont, WVA; Donna Bernecker of Reston, VA; six grandchildren, Allyson Forbes of Rochester, NY, Matthew and Caitlan Merico of Thurmont MD, Jason Sauro of Myrtle Beach, Jennifer Plumley of Fairmont, WVA, Richard Bernecker of Reston, VA and a great-grandson, Collin Plumley of Fairmont, WVA; one sister, Romona Tuck of Gretna, VA; two brothers, Z.Z. Shorter, Jr. of Salisbury, NC and Gene Shorter of Oak Island, NC. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Monday, November 24, 2008 in the Belin Memorial United Methodist Church with The Reverend Dr. B Mike Alexander officiating. Interment will be at a later date. The family will receive friends from 6-8 Saturday, November 22, 2008 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. Memorials may be sent to the charity

of one's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *The Broken Chain We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly. In death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories. Your love is still our guide. And though we cannot see you. You are always at our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the Chain will link again. Stephanie & Family, Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts & prayers, this verse has always been a comfort to me knowing that we will join our loved ones again. In deepest sympathy, Love Jack & Melanie Carpenter###imported-begin##Jack & Melanie Carpenter###imported-end##*

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“ Don & Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Although the miles and years have separated us, I have and always will consider myself another daughter. There are no words to describe what a beautiful and caring lady she was loved and will be missed by so many. I want to share a poem that has always comforted me during a loss: I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side, spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other. Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone" Gone where? Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast, hull and spar as she was when she left my side. And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port. Her diminished size is in me -- not in her. And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone," there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!" And that is dying...
Love you all, Susan Haley

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“ If Tears Could Build a Stairway If tears could build a stairway And memories were a lane, I would walk right up to heaven To bring you home again. No farewell words were spoken. No time to say good-bye. You were gone before we knew it, And only God knows why. My heart still aches in sadness And secret tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, No one will ever know. Don and Family: I found this verse when my son, Chris, passed away and have it on an angel in our garden and in remembrance of him. My heartfelt sympathy for you and your family and may you find comfort in the hands of our LORD. I so wish I could have been there for you and your family.
Mary Lewis

November 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Michele & Family, Our thoughts are with you in your time of sorrow. May you find comfort in the love of your family. With our deep and heartfelt condolences, Jen, Brenda, & Terri##imported-begin##Jen Wagerman##imported-end##

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