



Elise B. Onley

September 11, 2007

Conway.....Elise B. Onley, age 87, widow of the late L.R. Onley of Sherwood Drive died Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at The Lakes at Litchfield. Mrs. Onley was born in Gable, SC, a daughter of the late Benjamin Ryan and Beulah Prince Bratcher. Mrs. Onley was a long-time resident of Conway. She attended Winthrop College and taught school briefly. Later she worked as a buyer for Belk. Mrs. Onley was a member of First Baptist Church of Conway for over 60 years where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday School. She has played an active role in her community. Some of her honors include Past Worthy Matron of Eastern Star, past president of Iris Garden Club, and past president of the Conway Garden Club Council, former Superintendent of the Young People's Department of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Onley was president of the Conway Hospital Auxiliary for two terms with an accumulation of eleven thousand plus volunteer hours. Mrs. Onley also serves as a volunteer Chaplain and works with Mended Hearts. In 1994 she received recognition as the individual raising the most money for the Heart Association Walk-a-thon. She assists each year with the Conway Hospital Foundation's Kingston Golf Classic. Mrs. Onley is noted in her neighborhood for always lending a helping hand. Her other hobbies are bridge and dancing. Surviving are: one son, Ben Onley and wife Margaret of Pawleys Island; one daughter, Rita Beckham and husband George of Columbia; four grandchildren, Judith Buzzell, Deborah Staley and husband Phil, Ricky Beckham and wife Kristen and Tina Samellas and husband George; seven great-grandchildren. Funeral

services will be held 12:30 PM Friday, September 14, 2007 at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Bagnol, Dr. Bob Guffey and Rev. Rocky Taylor officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 11:30 to 12:30 PM Friday at the church. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Music Memorial Fund, 603 Elm Street, Conway, SC 29526. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Stick Chestnut##imported-end##

September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Coach Onley and family, We were sadden hear about the loss of your mother. She certainly left a memorable mark on her community and many will be blessed in many years to come because she cared about her church and community. May God bless you during this sad time and may the beautiful memories you have lighten your burden, With kindest regards. Helen and family##imported-begin##Helen Andrews##imported-end##

September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Mrs. Onley's passing. I remember hearing what a dear lady she was. I know she will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Christina Morris##imported-begin##Christina Morris##imported-end##

September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Ben, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Sol and Myrna##imported-begin##Sol/Myrna Salerno##imported-end##

September 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Elise's Family, A smile, a touch, a gentle laugh remembered...May the memories held deep in your heart help to soothe your spirit during this painful time. God will carry you through! Betty Thomas's Family*###imported-begin##*Sonja Sakalian*###imported-end##

September 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Benny, Rita and families, God chose a beautiful flower when he picked Elise. She was loved by everyone she touched. I loved her very much and she will be greatly missed by me. Sorry I can't be with you through this difficult time because of my health. Much Love, Evelyn*###imported-begin##*Evelyn*###imported-end##

September 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM