



Georgia Earle Ellis

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Miss Georgia Earle Ellis, age 94. of Little River died Thursday, July 29th, 2004 at her home following a short illness. Miss Ellis was born in Calabash, N. C. on Oct. 25, 1909, a daughter of the late James William and Annie Stewart Ellis. She was pre-deceased by three sisters, Frances Elizabeth Bessant, Nora Mae Russ, Lena Bernice Howard, and three brothers, Thomas Heyward Ellis, Senator Ralph H. Ellis, and James Ellis. "Miss Georgia" as she was affectionately known lived in Little River since 1910 where she graduated from Little River High School and Motte's Business College in Wilmington, N. C. She worked as a legal secretary in Conway and later as secretary to Judge G. Duncan Bellinger in Columbia. In 1952 she returned to Little River to care for her father until his death. In 1965 she returned to Columbia to work an additional ten years. When her brother was elected to the S. C. Senate she assisted him as his secretary until his death. Senator Ellis and Miss Georgia were credited with helping establish the two-party political system in Horry County. In February 2004 the Horry County Council presented her with "A Resolution Honoring Ms. Georgia Ellis for Her Commitment and Dedication to Her Community." She was honored in Feb. 2004 by the Little River Republican Women's Club of which she was a charter member. She continued her membership in the Horry County Republican Club, the S. C. State Republican Club and the North Strand Republican Breakfast Club. In Nov. 2003 she was honored at the Horry County Republican Convention as being the oldest active member of the Horry County Republican Party and

was presented a bouquet of roses by Gov. Mark Sanford. Ms. Ellis was a lifelong member of Little River United Methodist Church and served in many capacities at the church including being church organist and pianist for 18 years. Also a charter member of the Horry County Historical Society, she served on the board of directors. She was a charter member and past president of the Little River Improvement Association, a member and secretary of the Horry-Georgetown Technical College advisory board. Surviving are nine nieces and nephews, along with eighteen grand-nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday from Little River United Methodist Church with Rev. Paul Wood officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Those so desiring may send memorials to Building His Kingdom, Little River United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 160, Little River, SC 29566. The family will receive friends at the from 10-11 AM prior to services. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is handling arrangements.