



Ila Gray Phipps Stevens

August 20, 1944 - October 22, 2007

TABOR CITY.... Ms. Ila Gray Phipps Stevens, age 63, entered into rest Monday morning, October 22, 2007 following an illness.

Ms. Stevens was born August 20, 1944 in Tabor City, NC a daughter of Mr. J.C. Phipps and the late Ila Bruton Phipps. She had worked as a cosmetologist and was a teller for UCB and then BB&T for 18 years. Ms. Stevens was an avid doll collector and was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, and aunt. She was a member of Tabor City Baptist Church. Survivors include: her father: J.C. Phipps of Whiteville, her three children: Whitney of Wilmington, Robert and his wife Roberta of DeLand, Florida and Barrett of Wilmington, her sister: Kay Small and her husband Rev. Roger Small of Tabor City, her two brothers: Buster Phipps and his wife Rosemary of Loris, and Bill Phipps and his wife Ann of Tabor City and her three grandchildren: John, Michael, and Danny all of DeLand, Florida.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, October 23, 2007 from 7:00 until 9:00 PM at Ward Funeral Home in Loris.

A service celebrating the life of Mrs. Stevens will be held Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 11:00 AM from the Tabor City Baptist Church with her brother-in-law, Rev. Roger Small officiating. Burial will follow in the Old Soles Cemetery. The family requests that those who wish may send memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, 400 Oberlin Road, Suite 220 Raleigh, NC 27605. Ward Funeral Home of Loris, 843-756-9273, is serving the family.