Vonceile Hill Thornton

January 15, 1923 - October 5, 2013

Luna Vonceile Hill Thornton, 90, of Columbia, Tennessee, passed away on October 5, 2013.

Daughter of the late Howard Henry Hill and Luna Belle Johnson Hill, she was born January 15, 1923, in Zama, Mississippi. She was preceded in death by her husband of over forty years, Buford Eugene Thornton. She was also preceded in death by her brother, James G. Hill, and brother-in-law, Huland Yates.

Mrs. Thornton was salutatorian of Zama High School in 1941. While waiting for her future husband to return from WWII, she attended and graduated from Alverson Business College in Birmingham, Alabama, majoring in bookkeeping and secretarial science.

Mrs. Thornton lived much of her adult life in Russellville, Alabama, where she and her husband owned and operated The Drug Shop from 1962 until they retired in 1982. They were active members of the First Baptist Church of Russellville, where her husband taught Sunday School. After her husband's death in 1987, she moved to Columbia, Tennessee, and lived out the remainder of her life with her daughter and family. She was a member of First Family Church in Columbia.

A devoted mother and grandmother, she is survived by her children, Jerry H. Thornton of McComb, Mississippi, and Dr. Tina (Robert) Smith of Columbia; grandchildren, John Edward Orman, IV of Tuscumbia, Virginia (Tyler Hughes) Orman of Waynesboro, Tennessee, Victoria Orman of Pulaski, Tennessee; great-granddaughter, Madalynn Elizabeth Hughes; step-grandchildren, Joby Jay (Brandi) Smith, Sabrina (Alvaro) Jacal, Yvonne (Mario) Miniard, and Brandy Smith; sister, Mary Hill Yates of Birmingham,; brother, Larry Joe (Joann) Hill of Red Bay; many nieces, nephews, and step-great-grand-children.

Visitation will be Monday, October 7, 2013 from 11:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. at Pinkard Funeral Home, Russellville. The funeral service will be at 1:00 P.M. in the funeral home chapel. Burial will follow in Red Bay Cemetery.

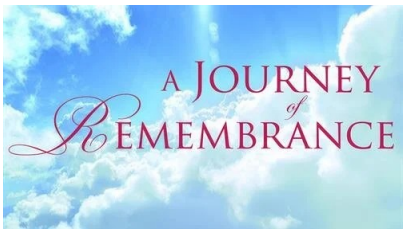
Cemetery Details

Red Bay Cemetery

Red Bay, AL

Tribute Wall

Pinkard Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vonceile Hill Thornton



Pinkard Funeral Home - October 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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Mrs. Vonceile, you will be greatly missed here at the First Family. You were always an inspiration to me and so many others. Pastor David Simmerman, The First Family, Columbia, TN

David Simmerman - October 07, 2013 at 10:03 AM

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To Granny: You were a joy to be around. May you rest in peace. I Love you.

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