

Betty Humphries Messer

May 29, 1921 – September 8, 2008

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Mrs. Betty Humphries Messer, 87, a former Hinton, W.Va., and Fayetteville, N.C., resident, passed away Sept. 8, 2008, at the Marmet Nursing Home in Charleston, W.Va., after a long illness with Alzheimer's.

Mrs. Messer was born May 29, 1921, a daughter of the late Harry G. and Mattie Graham Humphries. She was also raised in Hinton. She graduated from



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Marshall University. She is survived by her sister, Emily Warden of Charleston; her nephew, Lacy Warden of Barrow, AK; her niece, Libby Crick and husband, George Novaky, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; great-nephew, James Crick of Tampa, Fla., and great-niece, Katherine Warden of Barrow, AK.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, Bill McClelland of Huntington, W.Va., who was declared Missing in Action during World War II, and Bill Messer of Hinton, W.Va., and Fayetteville, N.C., and one sister, Jane Humphries of Hinton.

She had the privilege and pleasure of over 30 years of teaching public school children in West Virginia and North Carolina. She was the past president of the Altrussa Club in Fayetteville, N.C., past president of American Association of University Women, past regent of Robert Rowan Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution, president of Fayetteville Garden Council, member of the Board of Botanical Gardens, member of the Board of Haymount Methodist Church, chairwoman of Christian Supportive Community/ Haymount Methodist Church, volunteer at the Veteran's Administration Hospital, member of the Methodist College Campaign, trustee of Fayetteville Woman's Club and Historian of Habitat for Humanity, all in Fayetteville, N.C.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Pivont Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton with the Rev. Rick Duncan officiating. Burial will follow in Greenbrier Burial Park in Hinton.

Friends may call 1 p.m. until time of service Thursday at the funeral home.

Online condolences and guest register at www.pivontfuneralhome.com

Arrangements by Pivont Funeral Home, 100 Park Ave. Hinton, WV 25951.