



## Ethel Paulk

January 8, 1930 - July 13, 2016

Ethel Fears Paulk, age 88, of Campbellton, Florida, passed away peacefully in SAMC in Dothan, Alabama, on July 13th. Born on January 8, 1930, she attended Campbellton High School before graduating from Marianna High School in 1948. She enjoyed participating in the band at both schools and won several state awards as a majorette and drum major for the MHS band. Her artistic talent found expression in many forms, including sewing and crafting, floral design, and painting. Many will remember her wonderful cooking, but her greatest talent was making all who were blessed to know her feel loved the instant they met. She devoted her entire life to her Lord, family, and church, serving as GA director, WMU president, and choir director, among many other positions, at various times during her membership at the Baptist Church in Campbellton and Madrid Baptist Church in Madrid, Alabama. For a short time, Ethel studied music classes taught by Professor Bartlow at BBI. Known as either "Grandma" or "Aunt Ethel" to many friends and relatives, she was always helping others through difficult times with compassion in her heart and undying devotion. She also served as president of the Houston County Home Extension Club for several years. Ethel was preceded in death by her parents Docia Ready and R. B. Fears, all of her ten siblings, and her son Grady. She is survived by her loving husband of 67 years, Curtis J. Paulk; two sons, Frank of Malone and Jeff (Mary Ann) of Dothan; two daughters, Marilyn (Glen) Davis and Geraldine (David) DeFelix of Campbellton; a daughter-in-law, Rhonda Hill Paulk of Panama City; grandchildren: Joel (Wendy) Paulk; Crystal (Dave) Popp; Frankie (Tina) Paulk; Daniel and Marlana Paulk; Dave (Kim) DeFelix; Matt (special friend Abby) DeFelix; and great grandchildren: Cole, Karoline, Austin, Devin, Jady, Jaxon, Trent, and Sarah Catherine. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 16th, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Campbellton, with visitation at the church starting one hour prior to the funeral, James & Lipford Funeral Home in Graceville directing. Flowers will be accepted, or donations may be made to Gentiva Hospice of Houston County or The Baptist College of Florida.