



Mary Pearl Benton

August 7, 1918 - December 8, 2003

Mary Pearl Carter Benton, 85, of New Britain, died Monday December 8, 2003 at New Britain General Hospital. Born in Florence, SC, she lived in New Britain since 1941. Pearl was employed in the Electric Tool Division of Stanley Works for over 25 years, retiring in 1981. She was a member of Kensington Baptist Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Geraldine "Geri" Cooke and her husband Peter of New Britain; Peggy O'Leary of Wilmington, NC; and Frances Queally and her husband Thomas of Bakersfield, CA; a brother, James H. Carter and his wife Sarah of Kingstree, SC; three sisters, Dorothy Ard and her husband Charlton, Violet Moody and her husband Michael all of Manning, SC; and Bobbie Reaves and her husband Lee of Alcolu, SC; 9 grandchildren and their spouses, Donald and Lisa O'Leary; Robert and June O'Leary; Michael O'Leary; Kathleen and Frank Rich; Krystine and Butch Hobson; David and Michelle Fioravanti; Alecia and Mark Davidson; James and Jennifer Cooke; and Brian Cooke; 14 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Pearl was predeceased by two brothers, Earl and Johnnie Carter.

Funeral services are Thursday 10:30 AM at Kensington Baptist Church, 222 Lincoln Street, Kensington. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Calling hours are TODAY Wednesday 7 to 9 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 300 Research Parkway, Meriden, CT 06450. Please share a memory of Pearl with her family on our online guestbook by

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