

Lillie T. Townsend

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Lillie T. Townsend, 94, of Valle Crucis, passed away Friday, May 10, 2013. Born July 17, 1918 in Watauga County, she was a daughter of Andrew Lewis and Polly Mae Townsend.

Mrs. Townsend was a life member of Holy Communion Lutheran Church. She was employed at Valle Crucis Elementary School for a number of years. Lillie's love in life was devotion to her family and her favorite past time was tending her vegetable and flower gardens.

Mrs. Townsend is survived by her daughter, Marie Miller and husband, Pat, and three sons, J. B. Townsend and wife Pat, Homer Townsend and wife Geri, and Hubert Townsend and wife, Frankie, all of Boone; five granddaughters, Anita Eller of Boone, Michelle Curd and husband, Rick, of Mountain City, Melody Yates and husband Wesley, of Boone, Paula Townsend of Deep Gap, and Melinda Farmer of Vilas; five grandsons, Eric Townsend and wife, Holly, of Deep Gap, Michael Miller of Seattle, Washington, Daniel Miller of Boone, Gerald Townsend and wife, Crystal, of Banner Elk, and Randall Townsend and wife Sarah, of Deep Gap; 20 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Lucy Alexander and husband, Gene, of Hickory, Alice Daniels and Viola Daniels and husband, Earl, all of Newland, and Daisy Johnson of Banner Elk; one brother, Adam Townsend and wife Birdie, of Boone; and special caretakers, Pansy and Wilson Blevins and Sarah; and Albert and Marie Calloway.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tommie Edgar Townsend; sisters, Nellie Townsend and Pearl Stafford; brother, Larkin Townsend; two infant brothers, one infant sister; great-granddaughter, Peyton Townsend; and her parents.

Funeral services for Lillie Townsend will be conducted Monday, May 13, 2013, at 2 o'clock at Holy Communion Lutheran Church, officiated by Rev. Dr. David Mielke. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

The family respectfully requests no food and suggests memorials to the Holy Communion Lutheran Church Building Fund, in care of Ralph Daughtry, 346 Dutch Creek Rd., Banner Elk, NC 28604.

The family will receive friends Sunday evening from 6:30 until 8:30 at Austin & Barnes.

Online condolences may be shared with the Townsend family at austinandbarnesfuneralhome.com

Austin & Barnes Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the Townsend family.