

Josephine Isaacs Norris

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Josephine Isaacs Norris, age 95, of Fletcher Branch Road, Vilas, passed away Monday evening, May 27, 2013, at Watauga Medical Center.

Born March 15, 1918 in Watauga County, she was a daughter of John Wesley and Ellen Dugger Hicks. Mrs. Norris was a long time member of Vanderpool Baptist Church. For many years, she was employed at Smithy's Department Store and Carolina Pharmacy in food service. Her love in life was caring for her family, and her passion included tending to her lawn and vegetable gardens, but her greatest adventures were searching for the best bargains at area yard sales.

Mrs. Norris is survived by her son, Arlie Isaacs and wife, Lois, of Vilas; her daughter, Mary Ellen Townsend and husband, Wayne, of Valle Crucis; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild; three sisters, Rosa Lee Townsend, Allie Brown and husband, Burl, all of Vilas, and Christine Stanbery of Post Falls, Idaho; several nieces and nephews; and her special caregivers, Pansy and Wilson Blevins, of Elk Park.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Sherman Daniel Isaacs; two sons, infant Daniel Austin Isaacs and Alvin Gray Isaacs; six brothers, Troy, Ray, Edward, Arlie Daryl, James and Johnny Hicks; one sister, Missouri Ellen Bell; and her parents.

Funeral services for Josephine Isaacs Norris will be conducted Thursday afternoon, May 30th, 2013, at 2 o'clock at Vanderpool Baptist Church, officiated by Pastor Andy Watson and Pastor Thomas Brown. The family will receive friends Thursday afternoon from 1 until 2 o'clock, one hour prior to services, at Vanderpool Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Vanderpool Baptist Church Cemetery.

At other times, the family will be at the home of her sister, Allie and Burl Brown, 326 Burl Brown Road in Vilas.

The family respectfully requests no food, and suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, Western Carolina Chapter, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215.

Online condolences may be expressed at the website austinandbarnesfuneralhome.com
Austin & Barnes Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Norris family.