



Roberta Payne

February 14, 1924 - May 6, 2011

Mrs. Roberta Thomas Bass Payne, Age 87 of Gordonsville, TN., died Friday, May 6, 2011 at Riverview Regional Medical Center, Carthage, TN. Roberta was born February 14, 1924 in Nashville, TN., the daughter of the late Tishie Lou Fuller and Robert Vincent Thomas. She was preceded in death by her Son, Richard Thomas "Admiral" Bass on April 8, 2010, her sister, Mildred Thomas Hill and her nephew, William E. "Buddy" Hill, Jr. She was married to Paul Bass on August 10, 1940 and they were divorced in 1955, she later married Eldon C. Payne on January 3, 1976 and he preceded her in death on September 28, 1982. She finished her training as a beautician at Helena Dye School of Beauty in Nashville in 1951, working in Gallatin for Mrs. Beasley and later owning her own shop, Roberta's Beauty Shop, she later worked for the State of Tennessee and was one of the last employees to work at Welsh Manufacturing Company in Gordonsville before its closing. She loved and was an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star for over 50+ years, serving as Worthy Matron four different terms, first belonging to the Carthage Chapter, then Alexandria Chapter and now was a member of Liberty Chapter. She was a member of the Gordonsville United Methodist Church. Mrs. Payne is survived by her son and daughter-in-Law, James Robert and Cora Bass of Gordonsville, TN. Step granddaughter, Vicki (Johnny) McKinney. Four Step Great Granddaughters: Starla (Brad) Law, Amber (Kevin) Moss, Julie (Todd) Smith and Jonna (Michael) Roberts. Four Step Great-Great Grandchildren: Lexie and Braden Law, Nicole Smith and Lakin Roberts. Two Great Nieces:

Terri Hill (Mark) Blevins of Walter Hill, TN and Carrie Ann Hill of Nashville.
Graveside services and Interment for Mrs. Payne will be held at the
Gordonsville Cemetery on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. with Bro. Dickie
Johnson and Bro. George Reed, officiating. The Payne family will receive
friends at the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes on Sunday from
12:00 Noon to 6:00 P.M.