



Anna Ruth Sparks Thorne

January 23, 2022

Anna Ruth Sparks Thorne, age 89 of Chickamauga, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 23, 2022. She was born to the late Virgil Hugh Sparks and Bertie Loraine Green Sparks in Section, AL, was a lifelong resident of the Chattanooga/North Georgia Area and was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church. Anna was a nurse and caregiver for over 43 years, working at the Campbell's Clinic in Chattanooga for Dr. Merrel Nelson. She was a loving and devoted Christian lady who enjoyed spending time with all of her grandchildren. Anna was also preceded in death by her loving husband, Earl Junior "Buddy" Thorne: son, Stephen B. Smith: brothers, Rodney Sparks and Dwight Sparks: and granddaughter, Amy Heard. She is survived by her loving children, Paulette Heard and her husband, Wiley Heard, Sheila Napier and her husband, Tom Napier and Tim Smith and his wife, Denny Smith, Eddie Thorne, Judy Condra and her husband, Hudson Condra: sister, JoAnn Vaughn: grandchildren, Steve (Carrie) Heard, Andy (Jennifer) Heard, Lori (Corey) Green, Rachel (Max) Bull, Ashley Smith, Brittney Smith, Mellisa Campbell, Davin Barrett, Desire (Chris) Ross, Dea (Alan) Coffelt, Dominique (Ted) Reagan, Dustin (Erin) Niehuus, Danielle (Kevin) Free, Michelle Head, Terry Brandfast, Jerrod Thorne and Jacob Thorne: 32 great grandchildren: 5 great-great grandchildren: and several nieces and nephews. The funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm on Thursday, January 27, 2022 in the funeral home chapel, with Pastor Derrell O'Neal officiating. Interment will follow in the Hamilton Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 4:00 pm to

8:00 pm on Wednesday and prior to the service on Thursday. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home-J. Avery Bryan Chapel, Chickamauga.