



## Velma Matthews Parrish Davenport

August 29, 1916 - May 15, 2016

Velma Matthews Parrish Davenport, 99, of East Ridge, Tennessee passed away Sunday May 15, 2016. Born August 29, 1916 to the late Mr. M.H. Matthews and Serena Anderson Matthews in Oneida, Tennessee, she was a resident of Lakeview, Georgia most of her life before moving to McMinnville, Tennessee in 1978. Velma was a member of McMinnville First Baptist Church where she was active in Sunday School, W.M.U. and Reflectors. She was also a Red Cross volunteer.

She is preceded in death by her husband, former Mayor of McMinnville, Ulus Davenport; son, Randy Parrish; daughter, Judy Miller; son-in-law, George Miller; step-son, Royce Davenport; granddaughter, Wendy Parrish Bowen; great grandson, Bryan Grant; brothers and their wives, Doyle (Gusta) Matthews, Winfred (Jean)(Lois) Matthews, Cadwell Matthews, Belmont (Mable) Matthews, Lenial (Reba) Matthews, and Jack (Laura) Matthews. She is survived by her daughter, Lynita (C.L.) Brown of Rossville, Georgia, step-daughter, Alvida Woody of Columbia, TN.; step-son, Woody (Janette) Davenport of McMinnville, TN.; step-daughter-in-law, Patty Davenport of McMinnville, TN.; brother, Franklin (Mary) Matthews of Marietta, GA.; sister-in-law, Alice Matthews of Chattanooga, TN.; five grandchildren, Vera Simpson, Paul (Debbie) Miller, Jenny Grant, Tammy (Drew) Whatley, and Randy Brown; six step-grandchildren, Rad (Lauren) Davenport, Michelle (Jay) DePass, Rocky (Jane) Davenport, Angela (Boyd) Ramsey, Ray (Kim) Woody, and Jane Woody; several great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren, several

nieces and nephews.

The family would like to say a special thanks to the caregivers of Southern Heritage, NHC of Ft. Oglethorpe, Hospice of Chattanooga, and Dr. Abduhl Eletr.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 18, 2016 in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Lebron Matthews and Bro. Ralph Long officiating. Interment will follow at Tennessee-Georgia Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 5-8 P.M. and Wednesday from 11 A.M. until funeral time at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to, Reflectors Group, at McMinnville First Baptist Church, 403 N. Spring St. McMinnville, TN. 37110. Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel Ringgold, Georgia.

# Cemetery Details

## Tennessee/Georgia Memorial Park

724 Hogan Rd.  
Rossville, GA 30741  
(706) 866-5533

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 17.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Ringgold Chapel  
443 Boynton Drive  
Ringgold, GA 30736  
(706) 935-2331  
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## Visitation

**MAY 18.** 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Tammy Whatley lit a candle in memory of  
Velma Matthews Parrish Davenport*



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**Tammy Whatley** - May 24, 2016 at 02:49 AM

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“ *Lee R. And Doris Gass lit a candle in memory  
of Velma Matthews Parrish Davenport*



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**Lee R. and Doris Gass** - May 16, 2016 at 01:41 PM