



## Thelma Tompkins Cantrell

December 4, 1925 - July 8, 2010

Thelma Tompkins Cantrell, age 84, Russellville passed away on Thursday, July 08, 2010 at ECM Hospital. Ms. Cantrell was born in Franklin County, the oldest of four children and graduated from Belgreen High School. The visitation will be 2:00 -3:00 p.m. Saturday, July 10, 2010 at Spry Memorial Chapel. The funeral will follow at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, July 10, 2010 at Spry Memorial Chapel. Officiating will be Bro. Keith Barnett. Interment will be in Franklin Memory Gardens. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jakie Ray Cantrell; parents, William Strother & Ora Lucille Tompkins; brother, Cecil Tompkins; sister, Betty Jean Hester; nephew, Donald Clay. She is survived by her sister, Willie Lou Clay, Decatur; sister-in-laws, Betty (Gene) Cantrell, Norma (Thomas) Cantrell; special nieces, Sherry (Mitch) Patterson, Gulf Shores, Patricia (Don) Cox, Russellville; Leah (Jeff) Masterson, Russellville; Janis (Murray) Chesson, Myrtle Beach, SC; special nephew, Ricky (Kathy) Clay, Decatur; other nieces & nephews, Mary Jo (Tompkins) Sanso, Cecilia (Tompkins) Ramsey, John Tompkins, Tom Tompkins, Sherry Kay (Tompkins) Waters; special caregiver, Cyndie Boyles; numerous other nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, & great-great nieces. As a young woman, Ms. Cantrell worked for several years as a nurse at Russellville Hospital and still maintained the friendships she made with the other nurses. In 1953, she married Jakie Ray Cantrell and they were happily married for 47 years until his death in 2000. Mr. Cantrell was career Air Force and they lived at several USAF bases both in the United States and abroad during the course of his

career. She was employed by Civil Service and retired from Red Stone Arsenal in the early 80's. In 1985, they moved to Russellville to be near family. She was able to renew old friendships and enjoy being part of family activities. Ms. Cantrell was an avid reader and enjoyed books written by southern authors. She loved sewing and cooking and was talented at both.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma Tompkins Cantrell*

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**Trish Cox** - July 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Aunt Thelma, you will always be in my heart.*

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**Sherri Kay Waters** - July 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM