



## *Sarah Wilson Company*

**July 27, 1932 - Dec. 20, 2009**

Sarah Wilson Company, 77 of Morganton, formerly of Shelby, MS passed away on December 20, 2009 at the Burke Hospice and Palliative Care Center in Valdese. Born in Morganton on July 27, 1932, she is the daughter of the late Moran and Josephine Wilson. She was a 1950 graduate of Morganton High School, and received her professional preparation at Catawba College, BS and Appalachian State University, MS. She had a thirty year career in special education as a teacher at the North Carolina School for the Deaf, principal of the special education school at the Western Carolina Center, director of the Berryhill Center for the Hearing Impaired in Jackson, Tennessee, and founding director of the Western Tennessee School for the Deaf. Her vocation as an educator was focused on teaching deaf children to speak. She was an artist by avocation creating and sharing many works of beauty through the media of painting, drawing, sculpting, knitting and quilting. She was member of the First United Methodist Church of Morganton. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband A. Nelson Company, her sister Mary Anna Wilson Shore, and her brother George David Wilson. Sarah is survived by two sons, Myron Whitley and wife, Dorcas, of Winston-Salem, NC, Ran Whitley and wife, Donna, of Buies Creek, NC; four grandchildren, Randy Whitley, Diana Whitley, Joseph Whitley and Andrew Whitley all of Buies Creek; sister Ruth Wilson Russell of Linville, NC; brother John Moran Wilson of Middleburg, Florida; and a host of nieces and nephews. A service commemorating the life of Mrs. Company and celebrating the hope of resurrection will be held on Wednesday, December 23, 2:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church of Morganton with the Rev. Todd McCullough and the Rev. Luke Curry officiating. The family will receive friends at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at

1:00 pm prior to the service. Interment will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery in Morganton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Burke Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 1721 Enon Road, Valdese, NC 28690 or the First United Methodist Church, 200 N. King Street, Morganton, NC 28655. Sossoman Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.