



## Edna Ruth Whalen King

February 25, 1926 - March 16, 2012

King, Edna Ruth Whalen, age 86, a resident of Chelsea, AL passed away on Friday, March 16, 2012. She was born in Birmingham, Alabama on February 25, 1926. Funeral services will be 3 PM, Sunday, March 18, 2012 at Liberty Baptist Church with Rev. Alan Kuykendall and Rev. Wayne Honeycutt officiating. Burial will follow at Liberty Cemetery. Visitation will be 1 – 3 PM prior to the service at the church. Bolton Funeral Home is directing. Pallbearers are Jim Bragan, Linwood Bragan, Coach Richard Conkle, Ronnie Gallant, Danny Isbell, Russell Roberts. The Honorary Pallbearers are Frank Chesser, Mayor Earl Niven, John Polk and Billy Weldon. Edna was the first child of Alma Ruth Taylor Whalen and William Edward Whalen. She was a member of Powderly Baptist Church in Birmingham, where she worked in the nursery for 10 years. She became a member of Liberty Baptist Church in Chelsea in 1958 and was the clerk for many years. She found great joy in inviting Pastors, guest Revival Pastors, and their families into her home for meals. During one revival, she asked the visiting Pastor and his family to stay in her home during that revival. That week, Edna's husband, Carl, and her Daddy were saved. She enjoyed volunteering at the Shelby Baptist Association in Columbiana and being with her friends. Edna worked at Sears Roebuck and Co. for many years. She was also a sales person for Tupperware Company. In addition, she worked at Southern Life and Health Insurance Co. in Birmingham and Employers Insurance where she was Workman's Comp Claims Supervisor and at Risk Management as a

Workman's Comp Claims Supervisor in Hoover. She and her husband owned and operated King's Poultry Farm in Chelsea. She drove a school bus for over ten years and retired from the Shelby County Board of Education. While raising her six children and being involved in church, she was Past President of Chelsea PTA, Shelby County Council PTA, Past President of Shelby County Council PTA. She was a charter member of the Shelby County Art Association and Charter member of the Chelsea Volunteer Fire and Rescue and a member of Hixie Anna Eastern Star in Chelsea. Edna married Carl Wilson King, Sr. on October 3, 1942. They were married 55 ½ years when he passed away. She was also preceded in death by her sons, Richard Leon King, Sr. (Rusty) and Carl Wilson King, Jr. (Bud); sisters, Dolores Hinds and Juanita Townsend and three grandchildren, Kimberly Elizabeth King, Gregory Scott King and Jaclyn Suzanne Stewart. She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Lynette King Shirley (Donald); sons, John Terry King, Sr. (Faye), Robert F. King, Sr. (Donna), Donald E. King (Lori); daughters-in-law, Sandra S. King, Linda S. King; 14 grandchildren, Wayne (Kathy), Deborah (Greg), Randy, Johnny (Delilah), Kim (Brian), Kerri (Chad), Ricky (Becky), Steven, Jeff (Jennifer), Robby, Tammy, Tommy (Liz), Cindy (Kevin), Kristen; 22 great grandchildren, Andrew, Connor, Gregory, Taylor, Valerie, Ian, Aiden, Morgan, Colin, Karley, Robin, Jacob, Mandy, Sarah, Rusty, Gus, Kiara, Kenny, Jayven, Patrick, Lacey, Knox; brother, John Ed Whalen (Sandra); sister-in-law, Sarah K. Bragan; brother-in-law, Gerald Townsend and many more nieces, nephews and family whom she loved so much. Please sign on line condolences at [www.boltonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boltonfuneralhome.com).

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# Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. King always had a friendly, encouraging smile. May the Lord bless you all in the days ahead. He holds you in His hands and loves you so much. "The Lord will give strength unto His people. The Lord will bless His people with peace." Psalm 29:11*

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**Guy and Tina Posey and family** - March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“*We were so saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs. King. Our hearts go out to her family and friends and we will keep all of them in our prayers during this time of grief.*

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**Dale and Mary Neuendorf** - March 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“*WE EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST REGARDS. MAY YOUR FAMILY CONTIUNE TO BE STRONG. JESUS PROMISED THAT THOSE IN THE MEMORIAL TOMB WIL COME OUT. JOHN 5:28.29 ALSO LUKE 23:43, SAYS THAT GOD ORIGINAL PURPOSE, THOSE RESURRECTED AS HUMANS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE ON A PARADISE EARTH. WHAT A SOBERING THOUGHT.*

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**HOPE MCCALEP** - March 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM