

White Plains Baptist Church



Established September 13, 1806

A Celebration of the Life of
Ella Claire O'Rear Blanchard
September 8, 1931 – February 16, 2014

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 – 1:00 p.m.

In Loving Memory Of



Ella Claire O'Rear Blanchard

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Funeral Services at

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White Plains, Georgia

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Rev. Dr. Norman Waldrip
and Rev. Michael S. Thigpen Officiating

Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my Shepherd: I Shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me: thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil:
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life: and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

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Prelude Susan Higdon

Processional Susan Higdon

Remarks & Prayer Rev. Michael S. Thigpen

“In The Garden” Evelyn Beeland

Scripture & Remarks Rev. Dr. Norman Waldrip

“How Great Thou Art” Evelyn Beeland

Closing Prayer Rev. Dr. Norman Waldrip

Recessional Susan Higdon

Interment
White Plains Baptist Church Cemetery
White Plains, Georgia

*The family thanks the many friends and relatives who have
offered their love and support.*



Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The Lord replied, "My son, My precious child, I love you, and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

—Author Unknown

Ella Claire O'Rear Blanchard

Ella Claire O'Rear Blanchard age 82 of White Plains, Georgia passed away on Sunday, February 16, 2014 in Athens Regional Hospital. A native of White Plains, Georgia, Ella Claire was the daughter of the late James Lary O'Rear and the late Myra Shelnutt O'Rear. She was born in the old O'Rear homeplace in Hancock County on September 8, 1931.

She had a happy childhood attending grade school at the schoolhouse in White Plains. Ella Claire attended high school in Greene County and was a member of the 4-H club. After high school she went to West Georgia College in Carrollton completing an associate degree in Home Economics and Vocational Education. She then attended Georgia State College for women in Milledgeville where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics. Ella Claire also completed her Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education at Georgia State University in Atlanta. She made teaching her life for 29 years retiring in 1984. After retirement she still felt the love for teaching and was a substitute teacher for a short time in Greene County.

While working as a young woman out of college as a Home Demonstration Agent in Columbia County she was introduced to Harry Eugene Blanchard. Ella Claire and Harry married on March 8, 1953 at the White Plains Baptist Church. They were married for 59 years. Ella Claire was a devoted wife and mother and loved the White Plains Baptist Church and its community.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Harry Blanchard. Survivors include daughter, Nancy Blanchard of the residence, son, James Eugene Blanchard and wife Debbie of Ozark, Alabama; granddaughters, Jamie and husband Burt Ahlzadeh of Auburn, Alabama and Abby and husband Justin Fetsko of Dothan, Alabama; great grandchildren, Moe Forbes, Naomi and Ilana Ahlzadeh, Emily Ann and Houston Fetsko; beloved cousins, Bobbie Lary Rocker and her daughter Bonnie Rocker of Crawfordville, GA; Jenny Lynn Searle of Conyers, GA and Susan Couillou and husband Chris of Fayetteville, GA; brother-in-law, Randall and wife Evelyn of McDonough, GA; sister-in-law, Nancy Blanchard of Appling, GA; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at White Plains Baptist Church, 1020 Main Street East, White Plains, GA 30678 with Rev. Dr. Norman Waldrup and Rev. Michael S. Thigpen officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers are Ike Moore, Charles Stewart, Bob Beeland, David Price, Jody Vandiver and Dock Shelnutt III. Serving as honorary pallbearers are the deacons of the White Plains Baptist Church. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. until time for the service at White Plains Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorials be made in memory of Ella Claire Blanchard to the White Plains Baptist Church Cemetery Endowment or Maintenance Fund, P. O. Box 38, White Plains, GA 30678. McCommons Funeral Home, 109 W. Broad St., Greensboro, GA, (706) 453-2626, is in charge of arrangements. Visit us at www.mccommonsfuneralhome.com to sign the online guest register.



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