

In Loving Memory



A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

John 13:34

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The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Prelude	Jana Fleming Roper
Processional	Jana Fleming Roper
Gathering	Rev. Tom Compton
Words of Grace	Rev. Tom Compton
<i>Special Music</i>	Jana Fleming Roper
Opening Prayer	Rev. Tom Compton
Reading of Scripture	Rev. Tom Compton
Love One Another	
Message of Hope	Rev. Randy Godbee & Rev. Tom Compton
Closing Prayer	Rev. Tom Compton
Recessional	Jana Fleming Roper

**Interment Services at
Liberty United Methodist 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

Montine Hardigree Merritt

Montine Hardigree Merritt, age 88, of the Liberty Community died on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at her residence surrounded by loved ones. Montine was born in Union Point, GA on August 17, 1927 the daughter of the late John Henry and Mary Lou Lewis Hardigree. She attended Union Point High School and on December 20, 1946 she married Jack V. Merritt of the Liberty Community. She was a homemaker who was an excellent cook and seamstress and enjoyed working in her yard and flower garden. She was a loyal and faithful member of Liberty United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir. Montine was a wonderful, wife, mother and grandmother who thoroughly enjoyed her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Jack Merritt of the Liberty Community; children, Joyce Strickland (David), Jackie Carlton (Guy Kay), Jeffery Merritt (Jane), Darrell Merritt (Melinda) and Rhonda Eaton (Allen); brothers, Robbie Hardigree of Washington, GA and Larry Hardigree of Macon, GA; 8 grandchildren, Michael Strickland, Kevin Strickland, Dana Hayes, Hank Carlton, Ryan Merritt, Pam Merritt, Morgan Hardigree and Melissa Davis; 13 great grandchildren, Collin Strickland, Jackson Strickland, Conner Strickland, Hayden Strickland, Rebecca Bashore, Taylor Hayes, Kate Merritt, John Ryan Merritt, Matthew Davis, Makayla Davis, Madalyn Davis, Charlotte Hardigree and Makinley Hardigree; special friend of the family, Jack Phares; and her wonderful caregivers, Donna Higdon, Nicole Reid and Tameika Daniel. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Victor Lewis Hardigree, James Hardigree, Earl Hardigree and Peggy Jo Holcomb.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Liberty United Methodist Church, 3091 Liberty Church Road, White Plains, GA 30678 with Rev. Tom Compton and Rev. Randy Godbee officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers are grandsons and great grandsons: Michael Strickland, Kevin Strickland, Ryan Merritt, Hank Carlton, Hayden Strickland and Collin Strickland. The family will receive friends from 10:00 am until time for the service at Liberty United Methodist Church. The family request that any memorials be made to the Liberty United Methodist Church, c/o Dede Smith, 1691 Bramlett Road, Greensboro, GA 30642. 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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