## BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH

**OFFICIATING** 

Pastor Sean Harris

**PRELUDE** 

Pianist Kim Usher

WELCOME

Pastor Sean Harris

Invocation

Pastor Dwayne Smith

"TELL ME THE OLD, OLD STORY" #424

(VERSES 1&2)

Congregational Song

REMEMBERING MY MOM

Jo Burgess

"WHEN THEY RING THOSE GOLDEN BELLS"

Special Music Amy Bowling

MEMORIES FROM THE PAST

Pastor Al Bean

"IN THE GARDEN" #425

Congregational Song

REMEMBERING A CHARTER MEMBER

Steven Byrd

"It Is Well With My Soul"

BBA H. S. Choir and Miss Laurel Diehr

A SAINT TO BE REMEMBERED

Ephesians 1:3-7
Pastor Sean Harris

"TELL ME THE OLD, OLD STORY" #424

(VERSE 3)
Congregational Song

BENEDICTION

Dr. Steven Wilson

COMMITTAL SERVICE\*

PSALM 116:15

Pastor Sean Harris

\*Please follow the procession outside to Lafayette Memorial Park

**PALLBEARERS** 

John Lancaster III, Larry Lancaster Tim Lancaster, David McLean, Robert Nissen, Brandon Thompson



La Rue Lancaster September 23, 1920 - December 10, 2011



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## Remembering La Rue Lancaster

Mrs. La Rue Lancaster, 91, of Fayetteville went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, December 10, 2011.

Born to Thomas and Sophia Edwards of Bladenboro, La Rue was married to Ralph Thompson, Sr., who died in 1954. Her siblings: Millard D. Edwards, Dewitt Edwards, Juratha Edwards, Duawn Edwards, Bonnie Mae Edwards, Mary Lina Hester, and Willie Burney have all preceded her in death.

La Rue loved reading, painting, sewing, crocheting, cooking, and entertaining. As a young widow, La Rue determined to rear her children with the knowledge that salvation is found only in the Lord Jesus Christ. She lived a dedicated life before them, teaching the importance of believing the Bible to be the Word of God.

The Lord knew that La Rue and her three children needed a godly man to guide, protect, and provide for them. While serving as a youth leader of Grace Baptist Church, La Rue met Lieutenant George Lancaster, Jr. She and George were married in 1956 and continued serving the Lord together until his health failed in 2010.

In 1967, the Lord allowed them the privilege of having Berean Baptist Church founded in their home at 2305 Bragg Boulevard. This church was dedicated to the fundamentals of the Christian faith and the inerrancy of the Word of God. Today the church, formed from their home, is Fayetteville's largest Independent Baptist Church. As charter members, La Rue and George served as teachers, greeters, and helpers in door-to-door evangelism.

In 1967, George and La Rue also became involved with the Gideons. Together, they enjoyed sharing salvation's story and placing Bibles in motels, hotels, nursing homes, schools, and hospitals.

La Rue believed in hospitality. Whenever missionaries or special speakers visited the church, they were invited to the Lancaster home to enjoy a meal, fellowship, and lodging. Many happy times of sharing their faith in Christ and singing hymns and gospel songs with friends and family are remembered in their living room.

La Rue is survived by her two sons: Ralph Thompson and his wife Pat, of Raleigh; and Morris Thompson and his wife Gale, of Fayetteville; her daughter Jo Thompson Burgess and her husband Hampton, of Ramseur; her two grandsons: Scott Thompson of Reno, Nevada and Brandon Thompson and his wife Heather, of Fayetteville; and her three great granddaughters: Briana Thompson, Hailey Thompson, and Madison Thompson, also of Fayetteville.

The family is very thankful to all who have helped us and our parents through the last few years and recent months. Special thanks to Liberty, other hospices, and the individuals at Village Green who showed genuine concern and care for our mother.

## In Loving Memory of La Rue Lancaster September 23, 1920 - December 10, 2011 BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH Fayetteville, NC 28314