

MARY LENA (FLATT) DUDNEY OBT.

GAINESBORO -- Funeral services for **Mary Lena Flatt Dudney**, 90, of the Free State Community of Jackson County, will be held Thursday, Nov. 13, at 1 p.m. at Anderson-Upper Cumberland Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Dudney Family Cemetery.

Family will receive friends today, Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 2-5 p.m. and again 6-9 p.m., and Thursday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. until time of services at the funeral home.

Mrs. Dudney died Monday, Nov. 10, 2008, at NHC Healthcare in Cookeville.

She was born Dec. 25, 1917, in Jackson County to the late Henry Franklin and Delia Birdwell Flatt.

Mrs. Dudney was a former cafeteria worker at Gainesboro Elementary School and a member of the Free State Church of Christ.

Her family includes a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Tim Chambers of Cookeville; three sisters, Edna Roberts of Gainesboro, Jessie Chaffin of Cookeville and Marie Hershburger of Michigan; two sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Flatt of Cookeville and Betty Flatt of Granville; a granddaughter, Cyndi Blackburn and husband Josh of Springfield; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Dudney was **preceded in death by her husband, Frank Lee Dudney** (married May 9, 1942; died March 28, 1994); four brothers, Benton M., Tom, B., J.D. and Mitchell Flatt; and five sisters, Clena Chaffin, Bertha Dorris, Lillie Birdwell, Eunice Lozon and Rebecca Selestow.

Pallbearers will be John Ray Dorris, Hugh Birdwell, David Roberts, Jim Blankenship, Jerry Wilson, Steve Holman, Jimmy Dudney and Jimmy Anderson.

Honorary pallbearers will be Tom Flatt, Bobby Birdwell, Wayne Roberts, Leamon, Bill, Don, Kenneth and Ben Flatt, Greg Lozon, Ken Chaffin, Mike Morgan and Robert Lynn.

Bros. Ronald Strong and Randy Bybee will officiate the services.

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*See Chapter 4 and Birdwell Files at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>

John Harvey Birdwell Sr. (1812-1892) md Martha Chaffin (1814-1897) =
Thomas Edward Birdwell (1848-1932) md Elizabeth "Betty" Kirby/Kirbey (1852-1931) =
Delia Birdwell (1884-1970) md Henry Franklin Flatt (1887-1975) =
Mary Lena Flatt (1917-2008) md Frank Lee Dudney (1910-1994).

Frank Lee Dudney, b. 13 March 1910 – d. 28 March 1994, s/o Jonah Sydney Dudney & Lena R. Smith. He married Mary Lena Flatt, b. 25 December 1917 – d. 10 November 2008, both buried in the Dudney Family Cemetery Freestate Community, Jackson Co., TN.

Thomas Edward Birdwell is the brother of Jones M. Birdwell who married Virginia W. Jackson, ancestors of Audrey J. (Denny) Lambert.