

EDITH ALMIRA SNODDERLY BURKHART

LENOIR CITY -- Funeral services for **Edith Almira Snodderly Burkhart**, 91, of Cookeville, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22, at Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City, (865) 986-8013, followed by graveside services.



The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 21, and from 10 a.m. until time of services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Dr. Dick DeMerchant will officiate at the services.

Mrs. Burkhart died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009, in NHC Healthcare of Cookeville.

She was born April 26, 1918, at her family's farm on the banks of the Clinch River in Lost Creek, Union County.

Edith was a resident of Loudon County for most of her life. **Her parents, William Edgar Snodderly (1870-1953) and Linnie Belle Henegar Snodderly (1875-1974) were both descendants of the earliest settlers in Union County and were required to leave Union County when the TVA Norris Dam was constructed. They resettled in the Sugarlimb Community in the 1930s and raised a family of six children.**

Edith went to work in the knitting mill in Lenoir City and from her earnings she electrified the house and the old Singer sewing machine, then bought her mother a washing machine and the family their first car. She was one of the first in Loudon County to get a driver's license.

Widow of Walter Leo Burkhart (1915-1990), Edith was a hairdresser for 43 years, owning Burkhart Beauty Shop in Lenoir City for more than 40 years. Mother of five (four born the first five years of marriage), she later would brag that she had four at UT at the same time. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Lenoir City and resided in the Eatons Cross Roads Community from the mid 1950s until 2006, when she moved to Cookeville to be near her daughter, Janet Biery.

Her family includes a son and daughter-in-law, George and Della Burkhart of Lenoir City; three daughters and sons-in-law, LaVerne and Quincy Cobb of Houston, Texas, Geneva and William White of Buford, Ga., and Janet and Jerry Biery of Cookeville; two sisters, Orphia Hickey of Whitwell and Joan Gibson of Meridian, Miss.; a brother, Effert Snodderly of Morristown; grandchildren Christina Burkhart of Lenoir City and Stephanie Bryant of Nashville (children of George), Andrea Cobb Mouring and husband Lee of Oak Ridge and Aaron Cobb and wife Franziska of Great Falls, Va. (children of LaVerne), Eric White of Apex, N.C. (son of Geneva), Nicholas Biery and wife Ingrid of Westerville, Ohio, and Sarah Biery of Knoxville (children of Janet) and Paul Gregory of Nashville and Christian Grace Gregory and Mary Gregory, both of Long Beach, Calif. (children of Linda); great-grandchildren Elizabeth and Daniel Langley of Lenoir City (children of Christina), Alex, Isaac and Jacob Mouring of Oak Ridge (children of Andrea), Caitlyn and Kari Cobb of Virginia (children of Aaron), Julia, Karl and Derek Biery of Westerville, (children of Nicholas), and Abigail and Emily Menchaca of Long Beach (children of Christian Grace).

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, John Ralph Snodderly (1920-1994) and George Silas Snodderly (1927-1987), and a daughter, Linda Grace Burkhart (1953-2007).

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