



Helen Joy Willis Ray

November 9, 1921 - May 31, 2012

RAY, HELEN JOY WILLIS age 90, formerly of Bessemer, AL, passed away Thursday, May 31, 2012, in Trussville, AL. Joy was born November 9, 1921 in Miami, FL. She was a graduate of Florida State College for Women, and retired as the organist for Trinity Episcopal Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, J.C. and Fernande P. Willis; her brother, J. L. Willis; and her husband, Othel T. Ray. She is survived by her daughter, Marilyn (Keith) Raney of Trussville, Al; her grandchildren, Melanie (Jim) Ashmore of Houston, TX, and Patrick (Lisa) Raney of Syracuse, N.Y.. Graveside services will be held at Highland Memorial Gardens Monday, June 4, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.. Visitation will be held Monday, June 4, 2012 from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Ruffner Mountain Nature Preserve, 1214 81st Street S., Birmingham, AL 35206.