

**October 23, 2008**

## **Margaret Andolee Parsons**

Margaret Andolee Parsons, 81, of Spencer died Oct. 18, 2008, at Eldercare of West Virginia after a long illness.

Margaret was born April 20, 1917, in Spencer and was a daughter of the late Peter S. Sr. and Naomi Wright Criss. Her stepmother was Vinnie Criss.

She was a graduate of Spencer High School and a member of United Memorial United Methodist Church, Spencer, where she was a member of the choir. After her marriage to her husband, Talmadge C. Parsons Jr., she moved to Ripley. Upon the death of her husband in 1969, she was employed by O.J. Morrison Department Store as a secretary and bookkeeper until her retirement. She was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church, Ripley, for 67 years and was a charter member of the United Methodist Women, Royalty Circle and the Golden Run Sunday school class. In 1947, Margaret was a charter member of the Spencer American Legion Auxiliary where she held the distinguished honor of devotional leader with the national president. She later became a member of Ripley Auxiliary Post 107. Margaret was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Ripley, Paradise Rebekah Lodge 109 and the Ripley Senior Citizens. She had worked as a volunteer for the Jackson General Hospital Auxiliary since 1965. Margaret had a happy life and will be remembered for her volunteer work and giving spirit.

She is survived by two sons, T.C. Parsons III of Hendersonville, Tenn., and David A. Parsons of Crestview, Fla.; four grandchildren, Whitney Page, Kelly Hamilton, Clayton Parsons and Lucy-Allen Parsons; four great-grandchildren, Emily Rollins, Elani Hamilton, Carter Hamilton and Tessa Hamilton; and three stepgreat-grandchildren, Brandon Page, Megan Page and Colin Page.

In addition to her parents and husband, Margaret was preceded in death by four brothers, Cecil Criss, Norville Criss, Ray Criss and Peter S. Criss Jr.; two sisters, Luella Daugherty and Mary Katherine Dudley; two stepbrothers, Ondrel Yenne and Edward Yenne; and one stepsister, Eunice Bosco.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at Epworth United Methodist Church, Ripley, with the Rev. Tessa Dean officiating. Burial will be in Pine Hill Cemetery, Ripley.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Vail Funeral Home, Ripley, and one hour prior to the service at the church.