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Edythe Lee Medlin Tippett

AAFA #0046

Founding Member

January 3, 1929 - November 29, 2012

Zebulon

Edythe Lee Medlin Tippett passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on November 29, 2012. Born in Wake County on January 3, 1929, Edythe was the daughter of the late Albert V. Medlin and Mamie Lee. She was preceded in death by husband Carsey L. Tippett, her brother A. V. Medlin, Jr. Edythe is survived by her son Joseph Lee Tippett and his wife Carol Iovino Tippett of Henderson, Nevada, grandsons Michael Tippett and fiancé Evie, and Alex Tippett all of Raleigh. In addition, she is survived by sister-in-law Patricia Medlin of Brunswick, Georgia, sister-in-law Sarah Tant (Odell) of Zebulon, brother-in-law Joe Wayne Tippett (Jo Carol) of San Antonio, Texas, and Rex Tippett of Zebulon.

Edythe graduated from Wakelon High School in Zebulon on May 31, 1946. She received her baccalaureate degree from Wake Forest University in 1950. Equipped by education and inclination, Edythe spent her professional career as an educator first at Bunn High School, then at Wakelon School and finally as the librarian for the Town of Zebulon. Edythe's tenure as an eighth grade English and History teacher is well remembered by her many students. She is particularly remembered by her male students for her fair but liberal use of a ruler to maintain their focus on English verb conjugation. Edythe also taught adult Sunday School at the Zebulon Baptist Church where a ruler was not required.

Edythe's love of eastern Wake County, organizational skills, and leadership ability, led her to become the Chairperson of the Zebulon Bicentennial Commission in 1976. During this period, she was a catalyst for the formation of the Little River Historical Society receiving a life time achievement award from that organization in 1998. Always active, Edythe prepared the History of Zebulon and Vicinity for the Bicentennial Commission Publication on Wake County.

Following the passing of her husband in 1989, she became a docent at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh. Later in life she compiled the History of the Zebulon Baptist

Church. The bulk of her historic photographs, letters, interview notes, and other documents were contributed to the Wake County Library Systems archival division. Such was Edythe's love of history that in the final years of her life she compiled a priceless set of 13 archival binders documenting the life of her family, friends and neighbors in Zebulon from her birth until days before her passing.

Funeral service will be held 11 AM Monday, December 3rd, 2012 at Zebulon Baptist Church.

Burial will be private.

The family will receive friends in the church Parlor immediately following the service. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Heartland Hospice Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 10086, Toledo, OH 43699-0086 or to the Zebulon Baptist Church Capital Fund, P.O. Box 366, Zebulon, NC 27597.

Arrangements by Massey Funeral Home, Zebulon www.masseyfuneralhome.com.

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