



## Murphy Ella Bateman Knight

March 20, 1919 - April 13, 2008

MURPHY ELLA BATEMAN KNIGHT, age 89 died Sunday, April 13, 2008 in Franklinton, her home for all her life. She was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church. She worked with her husband in the family business, Murphy Bateman Building Supplies, which was started by her father in 1928. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and an avid reader and also enjoyed years of playing golf with her friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Leon M. Knight in 1999; her parents Murphy J. and Ethel McElveen Bateman. She was also preceded in death by her sisters who died together in a traffic accident in 1939. Ella and Leon married in 1935 and they are survived by their five children Murphy Leon "Sonny" Knight of Poplarville, MS; Wilbur Russell Knight of Cincinnati, OH; Richard N. Knight of Franklinton; Patricia Ella "Pat" Knight Thrash of Seneca, SC; and Clayton S. "Dinky" Knight of Franklinton. 12 Grandchildren: Connie Lynn Knight Dickinson, Roger A. Knight, Clay Patrick Knight, Will R. Knight, Warren L. Knight, Joni Knight Adams, Hunter Leon Knight, Emily Knight Phelps, Nora Brown Haile, Frank Lewis Brown, Nancy Brown Wiebelt and James Knight. 19 Great-grandchildren: Chad, Anna Hampton and Jill Crosby, Lindsey Knight Olsen, Meaghen Knight, Tyler and Evan Knight, Brian Paterno, Paxton and Spencer Knight, Mallory and Julia Knight, Sammy and Wyatt Phelps, Dominic Hamsa, Adam Joseph and Lucy Wiebelt and Emma Knight. 2 Great-great-grandchildren Peyton and Brenton Olsen.

A graveside service will be held at 2 PM Tuesday, April 15 at the Ellis

Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations in her memory to First Baptist Church Music or Building Fund

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ To all the family: I am so sorry I was not able to come to the graveside services for your mother. You have been in my thoughts and prayers. Your mother was a wonderful person and I know she had a great life. It is true that we are losing the great ladies of Franklinton. I always looked up to these ladies and admired them very much. To me they are examples of true southern women. I am still blessed to have my mother and I put her in this category too. Your family has always been special to me (hey-we are kin on the Bateman side)! Love to all Cornell

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**Cornell Bond** - April 21, 2008 at 07:05 PM

WK

“ Wayne and I send our deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Your family was one of the pioneer families in Franklinton and their contributions to this area are legendary. Mrs. Ella was a very special lady. You are blessed in that she had a full life and she and Mr. Leon left you all a wonderful legacy. You are in our prayers and thoughts.

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**Wayne & Sallie Babington Knight** - April 16, 2008 at 08:54 PM

AR

“ Russell, Sonny, Richard, Pat, and Dinky,  
Condolences to all of you, your wives and husband and your children and grandchildren. I have fond memories of "Miss" Ella. She took a group of us on a trip once, and she made sure we had a great time! I was always impressed by her dignity and grace. Both of your parents were very special and they were such an outstanding couple.

Sincerely,  
Alice Sue

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**Alice Sue Reese** - April 15, 2008 at 10:02 PM

KD

“ Dear Family, I want you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you in the passing of your Mother. She lived a long life and will always be remembered by her family and friends. I remember her going with the class of '59 on our Sr. trip to Ft. Walton Beach Fl.-she made us feel really special. Franklinton has lost one of the older generation that we all knew and looked up to in the 1950's. Mrs. Ella and Mr. Leon were almost always together when seen in the community. God Bless, Kaye Jean Miller Doss

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**Kaye Jean Miller Doss** - April 15, 2008 at 02:59 PM

TL

“ Please accept my condolences upon your matriach's passing away. Her legacy continues among such a fine family.

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**Tom Lewis** - April 14, 2008 at 06:45 PM

LF

“ Sorry to hear about Ms. Ella. She was such a good person to me, always. She was always interested in what I was doing and had I been home to see my mom. I thinks moms like to see their "kids" still like to come home and spend time with family. She was blessed to have all of you in her and Mr. Leon's family. Larry and Marsha

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**Larry and Marsha Fussell** - April 14, 2008 at 03:30 PM

JM

“ May you know many are thinking of you and sending condolences and prayers as you process the passing of your beloved mother. Sincerely,

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**Judy McCasland Micelle** - April 13, 2008 at 09:39 PM

JB

“ We are so saddened to hear of your mother's death. She is certainly one of those Franklinton ladies each of us thinks of when we are reminded of the ladies who always seemed to accomplish so many civic contributions as each of us was growing up. I know you will miss her. She was always willing to help her friends. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Judy, Bill, Steven, Katherine, and Matthew Burch** - April 13, 2008 at 07:33 PM

CD

“ She was a great lady and I am blessed because of having known her. My prayers are with you. I wish that I could be there.

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**Coach Dearman** - April 13, 2008 at 03:29 PM