

# Bessie Ray Higginbotham

DELAND, Fla. — Bessie Ray Higginbotham, 95, Deland, formerly of New London, Ind., died at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, 1993 at University East Convalescent Center.

Born Oct. 19, 1898 in Hadley, Ky., she was a daughter of John and Florence (Snell) Barks. On Dec. 22, 1917, she married Robert Higginbotham, who died March 19, 1972.

She was a homemaker and was a member of Highland Baptist Church in Hadley.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Shelby and Mary Higginbotham, Thurman and Virginia Higginbotham, all of Deland, Marshall and Carol Higginbotham, Lake Kathryn, Fla. and Donald and Betty Higginbotham, Rockfield, Ky.; a sister, Eunice Jenkins, Bowling Green, Ky.; 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; 8 great-great-grandchildren. Two brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Stout & Son Funeral Home, Russiaville, Ind., with the Rev. Ron Degraaff officiating. Burial will be in New London Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.