
CLARA HUGHES TALLEY

Mrs. Clara Hughes Talley of Plantation Estates in Matthews, NC went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday afternoon, November 6, 2016. Clara was the daughter of Paschal R. and Ruth Cole Hughes of Murphy, NC. She was born in Norfolk, VA on August 21, 1938 but her family moved to Murphy, NC when she was 10 months old. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Paschal Jack Hughes, of Murphy, NC.

Clara is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 56 years, Leon H. Talley and two loving sons, daughter in laws and four beloved grandchildren. Her eldest son, Brian Paschal, and his wife, Gabriell Cowan Talley, their two sons, William Hughes and Jabe Carson Talley, of Charlotte. Her youngest son, Christopher Ellis, and his wife, Melany Phelps Talley, their two daughters, Mattilyn Ann and Ellissa Ann Talley, of Angier, NC. Clara is also survived by her brother, David Clark Hughes, of Andrews, NC and sister-in-law, Charlene Harrison Hughes, of Murphy, NC. She also leaves behind many loving cousins and friends.

Mrs. Talley was a graduate of Mars Hill College with an Associate Degree, Western Carolina University with a B.S. in Business Education and an M.A. in both Business Education and English. She taught for 30 years with Charlotte Mecklenburg School System in local schools, always proud when her students succeeded and were able to get into a good school or get a good job.

Mrs. Talley was an active member of Carmel Baptist Church where she was in Sunday school, served on several committees over the years and volunteered for 15 years in Carmel's Finance Department. She was always active in her professional organizations, including but not limited to, NCAE and NCRSPA. Clara was a charter member of the Alpha Sigma chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa International Sorority for Women, where she was a Golden Sister.

Clara loved her Lord, a good joke, a good book and her beloved husband, children and grandchildren.

Services to celebrate Mrs. Clara Talley's life will be held on Friday, November 11, 2016 at Carmel Baptist Church. Visitation will be at 10 am with the service immediately following at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Carmel Baptist Church's "Cultivate Challenge Fund."
