



Adelaide Ware

January 26, 2013 - August 9, 2013

Mrs. Adelaide Stevens Ware of Lakeland, Florida, died at her home at Carpenter's Estates on Friday, August 9, 2013.

Mrs. Ware was born January 26, 1915, in Forrest City, Arkansas. She was the daughter of Walter Edwin Stevens Sr. and Helen Nichols Stevens. Mrs. Ware attended Forrest City High School and graduated from Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, Georgia. She developed her spiritual hunger while growing up in the Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church in Forrest City, before marrying the Rev. Dr. Melton Ware. Dr. Ware was a Methodist minister who served several churches in Florida, including Jacksonville, Vero Beach and Lakeland. Mrs. Ware and her husband donated the Prayer Chapel on the grounds of the Life Enrichment Center in Leesburg, Florida. They also created the Ware Scholarship at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, to benefit needy students. Mrs. Ware had a deep calling to the spiritual life and influenced countless lay people and clergy throughout her life.

Mrs. Ware was preceded in death by her husband in 2008. She is survived by her niece Edwene Stevens McCollum of Forrest City, and three great-nieces, Weston McCollum Lewey, Ashley Stevens Gilbert and Blair Stevens Renner. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Walter Edwin Stevens Jr. and her nephew, Walter Edwin Stevens III.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, August 15, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Forrest Park Cemetery in Forrest City. The Rev. Dr. Larry Mitchell will be officiating. The family requests memorials be made to Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church. Visit the online registry at stevensfuneralhome.net. Services are under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

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“ *Many fine memories of Sissy's visit to FC and how much she care for us kids. I am glad to know whe had a long and happy life.
Sincerely,
Mike Deaderick*

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“ *Our reward was reuniting with Ad and Melton when we moved to Lakeland, FL, in 1973. We have many fond memories of sharing Christmases and lots of FSC basketball games with them. Our family was truly blessed by their influence when our children were growing up.*

In Ad's honor, there will prayers and flowers on the Altar at Sarasota's Church of the Redeemer.

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