



## Olivia R. Pewitt

October 10, 1911 - November 4, 2012

Olivia Willie Reagan Pewitt, age 101, died peacefully at her Ponchatoula home and went to be with her Lord Jesus on Sunday, November 4.

Olivia is survived by her son, Tommie W. Pewitt and wife Juanita of Metairie, LA; loving caregiver and daughter, Betty Pewitt Baker of Ponchatoula; grandchildren, Kim Pewitt Jones and husband Buddy of Arlington, TX; Jan Pewitt Scheller and husband Ken of The Woodlands, TX; Alan W. Pewitt of Metairie; great-grandchildren, Jason and Brian Jones of Arlington, Amy Hyde of Destrehan, Scott Harmeyer of San Antonio; and 8 great-great grandchildren. Survivors also include her sister, Norma Wallace and husband David of Leander, TX and the children of Mark and Ruth Harrison: Nell Harrison and husband Gaylord, Dean Harrison of Baton Rouge; Scott Harrison and wife Zari of Colorado Springs, CO, Beth Harrison St. Amand and husband Paul of Manhattan, KS, and their children and grandchildren.

Preceding Olivia in death were her husband, Alfred W. Pewitt and foster son, Mark J. Harrison.

Olivia was born in 1911 in Rule, TX, and was raised in Waco, TX. She and Alfred, along with 3 year old Tommie, came to LA in 1935, and moved to New Orleans three years later where her daughter Betty was born.

Olivia was a devoted Christian layperson who taught Sunday school and sang in the choir at Airline Baptist Church in Metairie for over 60 years. She was also ordained as the first female deacon in her church. She worked many years as an Avon saleslady and spent many hours in her garden – she was an avid gardener. In her 70's, she co-owned and co-managed an apartment building and in her 80's, she helped with a Habitat for Humanity project.

She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother who will be sorely missed by all of her loving family. The family gives special thanks to Joyce Nixon, Home Instead Senior Care, and Community Care Hospice services.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral service from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 1190 Highway 51 North, Ponchatoula, LA, 70454, on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. The family requests that visiting hours be observed at the funeral home chapel on Friday, November 9, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The visitation will resume on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until the funeral service time. Dr. David Cranford will officiate the services. Interment will follow in the Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 11316 River Road, St. Rose, LA at 11:45 a.m.

Condolences and other information are available online at [www.thompsoncares.com](http://www.thompsoncares.com).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.