

# Elwin Kathleen Mangum, 83

Elwin Kathleen Hudson Mangum, age 83, died at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane,



Wash. May 1, 2004. She was born Dec. 17, 1920 in Belmont, Miss., the daughter of a traveling country preacher.

A lifelong member of the Southern Baptist Church, she was baptized at the age of nine in Fisher Creek. As a young woman in Mississippi, she trained as a teacher and taught grade school; in 1943 she also met and married Leo Wayburn Mangum, then a yeoman in the Navy.

After leaving the service, her husband became a Southern Baptist preacher, and eventually brought Kathleen and their three children

to Idaho in 1959, where he began his ministry as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bonners Ferry.

In Bonners, Kathleen taught sixth grade at Valley View for nearly 25 years. In her lifetime, she was known by many names that give us some idea of the many lives that she touched, and the many roles that she played, including: Beely (a nickname given to her by her sister by which many of her lifelong friends knew her), Kathleen, Mrs. Mangum, Mom, Grandma or Grandma M, and more recently, Troll Grandma, (an affectionate nickname given to her by some of her great-grandchildren, after a troll puppet she kept at her house).

Kathleen grew to love the natural beauty of the northwest, and liked to spend her free time driving throughout north Idaho and Boundary County. She never forgot the family, food, and memories she left in Mississippi, and made a number of trips back there to enjoy the company of her extended family and the joys of fresh okra and good cornbread.

For many years she served

the First Baptist Church as an organist, and she loved the old hymns, especially "Living for Jesus." Kathleen found joy in the simple pleasures of life: few things were more precious to her than good food shared with good friends and beloved family.

Kathleen goes to join her husband Leo, as well as her mother Willie Vera Hudson, her father James Hudson, her brothers James and Joe, and her sister Fufie.

Kathleen had three children, Hudson (wife Suzanne), Janet (husband Gary), Bud (wife Add), who in turn gave her seven grandchildren, Claudia (husband Derek), Jennifer (husband Brent), Laura, Nathan (wife Julie), Daniel, David, and Chacrit. She also lived to know seven great-grandchildren, Tiffany, Calvin, Teighlor, Morgan, Mackenzie, Brennan, and Hudson.

Her body will be placed to rest at Grandview Cemetery, Saturday, May 8.

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