

**Josephine Easterlin**  
**January 1, 1918 -June 8, 2007**  
**Americus, Georgia**

ALBANY — Miss Josephine Easterlin, 89, of 2001 S. Lee St., Americus, died late Friday evening, June 8, 2007, at Palmyra Medical Center in Albany. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 11, at First United Methodist Church Chapel with the Rev. Charles R. Puryear III and the Rev. Jim McIlrath officiating with burial in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

Serving as active pallbearers were Bill Easterlin, Abbot Easterlin, Bill Harris Jr., Lee Harris, David Harris, Walt Harris and Jimmy Williams. .

Miss Easterlin was born Jan. 1, 1918, in Sumter County, the daughter of the late William Oscar Easterlin and Bertha Rose Johnson Easterlin. She attended Furlow Grammar School; graduated from Americus High School in 1935 and from Georgia State College for Women in Milledgeville in 1939. She also attended Georgia Southwestern Junior College in Americus for two years.

She taught school for three years before returning home upon the death of her mother in May 1948, to become secretary for her father's farming operation and, from that time on, she cared for her father until his death at age 100. She was a member of the DAR Council of Safety chapter in Americus, UDC Americus Chapter #140 and the Andersonville Guild.

For many years, she served as hostess at the welcome center in Andersonville and gave a gracious welcome to all who visited. She was honor by the Guild upon her retirement in 1985. She was a member of the Easterling Family Genealogical Society. In 1986 they honored her with a Lifetime Membership Award for her extensive research on the Easterling family lineage. Miss. Easterlin was an active member of First United Methodist Church for eighty years, joining May 8, 1927, and was a member of the Upper Room Sunday School Class and the United Methodist Women.

Ms. Easterlin is survived by nephews, William F. Easterlin and wife Lillian of Louisville, and William S. Harris and wife Ann of Americus. She was preceded in death by two other nephews, Robert Humber Easterlin and George Walter Harris Jr., whose wives Marjorie Easterlin and Harriet Harris survive. She is also survived by many great nieces, nephews and cousins.

Josephine was one of the most stalwart cousins within our Easterlin(g) Family...never quitting, never stopping, always moving to succeed in every effort she pursued.

Her example of life is one that will always be cherished and remembered by everyone with whom she was affiliated. The efforts applied to her ancestral heritage are a true example not only of interest but more of true love and sharing her results with others.