



## Marion Dowdy

October 14, 1923 - March 16, 2010

Marion Lewis Dowdy died Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at Lynchburg General Hospital. She was retired from the business office of Randolph Macon Women's College. Marion was born in Campbell County October 14, 1923. She was the daughter of the late Royal Archibald Dowdy and Sallie Lewis Sweeney Dowdy. She was an honor graduate of New London Academy, class of 1940, and a graduate of Phillips Business College, which she attended on full scholarship. She was an avid genealogical researcher, and became a member of the Col. Charles Lynch chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Evington Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Marion was a member of both the Campbell County and Pittsylvania County Historical Societies. She was author of the history of Lambs United Methodist Church and was recognized in a special service by the Bishop Kenneth Goodson of the Virginia Conference. She also wrote the history of Evington United Methodist Church of which she was a member having joined at age 6 and becoming a leader of the Methodist Youth Fellowship in later years. She also served her church as choir director and substitute pianist as needed. After declining health she retired as teacher of the Adult Ladies Class. She served as corporate secretary of the Roy H. Little Corporation, a contracting business located in Evington that served area customers and the Southern Railroad. Marion wrote the Evington Notes for the Altavista Journal for more than twenty years. Marion was preceded in death by her only sibling, Florence Dowdy Wharton of Ruffin, North

Carolina. Marion is survived by two nephews, Charles Robert Wharton and wife Cynthia, and William Blair Wharton and wife Camilla of Ruffin, North Carolina; four great nieces, Courtney Wharton of Ruffin, North Carolina, Brooke Muller-Thym and husband Trey of Havre de Grace, Maryland, Allison Wharton of Baltimore, Maryland, and Jennifer Wall of Pelham, North Carolina; two great-great nephews, Dallen and Trevor Wall; one great-great niece, Emma Grace Muller-Thym; her furry pal, Patty, and a dear friend and care giver Helen Dudley. A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at Evington United Methodist Church by the Rev. John Franklin with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive their friends at the church one hour prior to the service. Memorials can be made to Evington United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 131, Evington, VA 24550. To send condolences please visit [www.finchandfinchfuneralservice.com](http://www.finchandfinchfuneralservice.com).

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