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Rachel Frances Spence April 28, 2011

March 12, 1923-April 28, 2011

Winston-Salem - Rachel Spence, formerly of Fuquay-Varina, NC, was taken gently into the arms of her Heavenly Father at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home after years of declining health.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, May 2, 2011, at 2:00 PM. Visitation 1:00 prior at Faith Bible Fellowship 1905 Garner Glen Dr. Hwy. 401 S. Raleigh. Internment will follow at Montlawn Memorial Park.

Rachel was born March 12, 1923, in London, England; daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John Philip Smith. She graduated from University of Oxford in 1939 with a degree in physiotherapy, and was a physical therapist at Rex Hospital, Raleigh.

Her selflessness and love of God and others throughout her whole life endeared her to everyone who knew her.

She was married for 65 years to her faithful husband, Daniel Mack Spence, who preceded her in death in 2008. Also preceding her were sisters Monica Smith and Philippa King, and a brother John Lancaster Smith, all of England.

Survived by three devoted daughters; Mary Louise (Bill) Hartman, New Bern, Annette (Steve) Hutcherson, Richmond, Va., and Elizabeth (Mike) Ziglar, Winston-Salem; grandchildren, Monica (Jeff) Severt, Cary, Mark (Erin) Hartman, New Bern, Derek Ziglar, Winston-Salem, Krista Hutcherson, Richmond, Va., Kerry (Casey) Hutcherson, Richmond, Va; great-grandchildren, Callie, Spence, Skylar Severt of Cary, Delancey, Mercer, Hudson Hartman, New Bern, Emmitt Hutcherson, Richmond, Va; brother, Richard (Barbara) Smith of England.

The family will also receive friends from 3:00-5:00 PM Sunday, May 1, 2011, at 3000 Salemtowne, Winston-Salem, Vogler Living Room.

Remembrances may be made to Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home, 101 Hospice Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27103.

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