



Eleanor W. Tomlinson

January 15, 1915 - December 1, 2008

Eleanor Rebecca "Lolo" Tomlinson, 93, passed away Monday, December 1, 2008 in Blountstown, Florida. Graveside service will be held 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at Hebron United Methodist Church Cemetery, Bishopville, SC under the direction of Brown-Pennington Atkins Funeral Home, Hartsville, SC. She will be laid to rest where several generations of her family await her final repose. Memorials may be made to Covenant Hospice, 4440 Lafayette Street Ste. C, Marianna, FL 32446-3411.

Eleanor was born Eleanor Rebecca Woodham on January 15, 1915, in Bishopville, South Carolina, the oldest child of Sullivan Marco Woodham and Lalla Rookh (Woodham) Woodham. Her paternal grandparents were Asa Edward Woodham and Ara Leila (Smith) Woodham. Her maternal grandparents were Charles Welborn Woodham and Nancy Elaine "Laney" (Hearon) Woodham.

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Eleanor was a graduate of Bishopville High School and a 1937 graduate of Coker College in Hartsville, South Carolina, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in music. Though small in stature, she attacked the keyboard with such great skill, vigor and finesse that she won numerous awards as a concert pianist. She taught music in the Manning, South Carolina school system before marrying Ben Tomlinson of Olanta, South Carolina. They made their home in Georgetown, South Carolina, where she performed at many

weddings and other functions. She also taught piano lessons from their home, served as organist for the First Baptist Church in Georgetown, and was active in the Georgetown Concert Association. She was modern and progressive in her young adulthood, wearing slacks and shorts before they were the popular attire for young married ladies. In 1952 Eleanor, Ben and their two children moved to Tallahassee, Florida, where she continued giving private piano and organ lessons until her music career was cut short by a debilitating illness. She was loved and respected by her friends and neighbors and is remembered as a gentle, sweet and kind friend. She was a life long Christian and frequently said "I pray to the Master." Her faith was always strong and never failed throughout her journey through life.

She is survived by her son, David Tomlinson (and wife Bobby) of Winter Haven, Florida; her daughter, Rebekah Mendoza (and husband Tony) of Tallahassee, Florida; her grand-daughter, Deborah Scarbrough of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; three great-grandchildren, Sarah, Hannah and Kaylah Deuber of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; four very dear nieces, Debby Galloway (and husband Richard), Suzanne Beasley (and husband Johnny), Rebecca Skinner-Fulmer (and husband Glenn) all of Hartsville, South Carolina, and Millicent Munn (and husband Frasier) of Columbia, South Carolina; and numerous grandnieces and nephews.

Her former husband, Ben Tomlinson; her younger sister, Sarah Martyn Skinner; her grandson, Michael Christopher Scarbrough; and a special grandniece, Caroline Boles Terry, preceded her in death.

Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Debby lit a candle in memory of Eleanor W. Tomlinson*



Debby - January 17, 2016 at 12:43 PM

DE

“ *"Happy late birthday!" Know you all had a good time together. You are in my thoughts always and I love you and miss you so much. Know the music is prettier with you and Mama there. Love, Debby*

Debby - January 17, 2016 at 12:42 PM

DG

“ *"Happy late birthday!" Know you and everyone had a big day. We love you and miss you so.*

Debby Galloway - January 17, 2015 at 02:06 AM

DG

“ *Debby Galloway lit a candle in memory of Eleanor W. Tomlinson*



Debby Galloway - January 17, 2015 at 02:05 AM

DG

“ *Love you and miss you.*

Debby Galloway - December 25, 2014 at 09:37 PM

DG

“ *Debby Galloway lit a candle in memory of Eleanor W. Tomlinson*



Debby Galloway - December 25, 2014 at 09:37 PM

DG

“ *Debby Galloway lit a candle in memory of Eleanor W. Tomlinson*



debby galloway - July 03, 2013 at 11:12 AM

DG

“ *Happy Birthday, "Lolo." We love you and miss you so much. Suzanne put some pretty red roses on your and Mama's graves for your birthdays. You can always depend on her. I bet y'all have some beautiful flowers in Heaven. I know you had a big birthday hug and kiss from Caroline. Becky put a pretty picture of you and her on facebook this morning in memory of your birthday and said how much she loved and missed you. We all love you. Debby*

debby skinner galloway - January 15, 2013 at 09:03 PM

DG

“ *Debby Skinner Galloway lit a candle in memory of Eleanor W. Tomlinson*



debby skinner galloway - January 15, 2013 at 08:51 PM

DG

“ Hope you had a wonderful Christmas. We love you and miss you.

deborah skinner galloway - December 26, 2012 at 01:10 AM

DG

“ Deborah Skinner Galloway lit a candle in memory of Eleanor W. Tomlinson



deborah skinner galloway - December 26, 2012 at 01:07 AM

DG

“ We all love and miss you greatly. Debby

deborah s galloway - April 22, 2012 at 11:00 PM

DG

“ Deborah S Galloway lit a candle in memory of Eleanor W. Tomlinson



deborah s galloway - April 22, 2012 at 11:00 PM

DG

“ "Happy Birthday," late. Missing you and Mama and Caroline so very much. I love you.

debby galloway - January 17, 2012 at 12:07 AM

DG

“ *Debby Galloway lit a candle in memory of Eleanor W. Tomlinson*



debby galloway - January 17, 2012 at 12:05 AM

DG

“ *DEBBY GALLOWAY lit a candle in memory of Eleanor W. Tomlinson*



DEBBY GALLOWAY - October 19, 2011 at 11:52 AM



“ *Lola:
How appropriate that Melanie's gave birth on the anniversary of you service and this precious little girl is named for you and Mark's father! Ella English Watkins made her dabute at 9:43 AM. Mother and baby are doing well!##imported-begin##Rebecca Skinner-Fulmer##imported-end##*

December 09, 2010 at 07:07 PM



“ *Happy Birthday Lolo! I miss you and love you. Enjoy your birthday in Heaven with Moma & Caroine!
Love, Your Niece, Rebecca##imported-begin##Rebecca Skinner-Fulmer##imported-end##*

January 15, 2009 at 03:45 AM



“ Dearest David & Becky:

*I am so saddened by the loss of your mother, She was a gifted and talented gentle petite little lady with a bit of women's lib mixed in and I am proud to carry her name! I fear I will never do it justice in the shadow of her accomplishments But I know one thing for sure, she considered the two of you, "My precious David & Becky" she would say, her greatest accomplishment and great reward. The way her eyes would light up and shine when she spoke of you was a wonderful thing to see. She often spoke to me of her "one and only great love", your father, Uncle Ben. She said that everyone thought it was such a hard decision to decide to travel abroad to perform more concerts or stay in the states and marry her Ben. She said to her, there was never a question or doubt as she was one of the lucky ones to have found her one true love. I was so lucky to have her as my aunt and you guys as my cousins. We will be here awaiting your mother's final trip home as she called it. I am please that she will be in resting in the shadows of the "Skinner Meeting House", the Hebron Church that she and Moma and all our ancestors held so dear in their hearts. I love you and will look forward to your arrival. All My Love,
Rebecca###imported-begin###Rebecca Skinner-Fulmer###imported-end##*

December 02, 2008 at 05:28 PM



“ Dear Debbie, Suzanne and Rebecca, I am so sorry about your loss. Your Aunt sounds like she was a very special person and I know your entire family will miss her greatly. God Bless you all.###imported-begin###Cindy Griggs###imported-end##

December 02, 2008 at 03:32 PM