

## Neola Edwards

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Neola Brayton Edwards, 84, of St. Francis Manor, formerly of Jasper County, died of cancer Sunday, June 16, at the manor.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Wallace-Pence funeral Home in Newton, with the Rev. Clifford Edwards, pastor of Bethel Bible College in Atlanta, Ga., and the Rev. Judy Wadding of the Reasnor United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Mount Zion Cemetery.

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The daughter of Jesse and Martha Etta Dearing Meredith, she was born Oct. 11, 1911, in Searsboro. She was married to Miron C. Brayton June 24, 1937, and to Wilbur Edwards March 25, 1980. She lived on a farm in the Murphy neighborhood in Jasper County from 1937 until moving to St. Francis Manor in 1993.

She was a homemaker, a member of the Reasnor United Methodist church and a former member of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church.

Surviving are six stepsons, Lee and Clifford Edwards, both of Atlanta, David of Newton, Richard of Waco, Texas, Brian of Des Moines and Max of Elizabeth City, N.C.; two stepdaughters, Gloria Spencer and Carol Pearce, both of Atlanta; 23 step-grandchildren; several step-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Lowell Meredith of Kellogg and DeVern Meredith of Searsboro; and two sisters, Olive Burnham of Grinnell and Mildred Renaud of Lynnvillle.

She was preceded in death by her husbands; her parents; two sisters, Bernice Ponder and Ila Van Willigan; and three brothers, Melvin, Leland and Harold Meredith.