

DOUGLAS, MRS. DAISY ALBERTSON (J. MORTON)—

Funeral services for Mrs. Douglas, age 95, Lakeland, will be held at 2pm on Saturday, January 2, 1988 at Weirsdale Presbyterian Church with Rev. Randy Gill and Rev. Leonard S. Hogenboom officiating. Burial will be in Highland Memorial Park, Ocala. No Visitation. Arrangements by HIERS FUNERAL HOME, 910 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts to the Building Fund, Florida Presbyterian Homes, Lakeland, FL, 16 Lake Hunter Dr., Lakeland, FL 33803 or Daisy Douglas Memorial, Weirsdale Presbyterian Church, Weirsdale, FL.

She is survived by her daughter, Virginia; son-in-law, Edwin C. Williams; 2 granddaughters, Patricia Smith and Charlene Preston, all of Weirsdale; 4 great grandsons; 1 great granddaughter; and 1 great great granddaughter; sister, Violet Pinner of Starke; 3 nephews and 2 nieces.

Mrs. Douglas passed away December 29, 1987 at Johnson Health Center, Florida Presbyterian Homes, Lakeland, FL. Born on a claim staked in the Oklahoma territory by her father, a Presbyterian Minister, Mrs. Douglas moved to Candler, FL with her family in 1911 where her father, The Rev. G. V. Albertson, was Pastor of both Candler and Weirsdale Presbyterian Churches. She taught the elementary (grades 1-8) school in Candler for 2 years, then taught a Port Orange and Shady.

Mrs. Douglas was the wife of J. Morton Douglas, a pioneer citrus grower of Marion County, who preceded her in death in 1967. She made her home in Weirsdale until June, 1981 when she moved to Lakeland.

She was an Elder in the Weirsdale Presbyterian Church serving as the Clerk of the Session and Treasurer. She was a Senior High Sunday School Teacher and leader of youth across the Synod of Florida for many years, known to young people as "Aunt Daisy."

She was a charter member of the Lake Weir Garden Club, Marion County Council President of the PTA, member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the United Daughters of the Confederacy, served

on District Welfare Board 11 under four State Governors, and was a Florida Woman of Distinction in 1956.

Mrs. Douglas filled offices in every judicatory of the United Presbyterian Church and in the Presbyterian Woman's organizations. In 1946, she was appointed to the executive Board of the National Council of United Presbyterian Women and served for 4 years. In 1951, she was appointed to the Board of Foreign Missions serving 7 years. In 1957, she was part of an interdenominational group present at the first graduation exercises of International Christian University in Tokyo.

She was a world traveler, and a noted speaker throughout Florida and the nation. In 1963, she was endorsed by the Presbytery and Presbyterial of N. Florida and the Synod and Synodical of Florida and nominated as the first woman candidate for the Churches highest post, Moderator of the 175th General Assembly held in Des Moines, Iowa.

In 1965-66 she served as President of Marion County Church Women United. She served as a member of the Board of Directors of both Maryville College, Maryville, Tn. and Florida Presbyterian College (Eckerd College) St. Petersburg, FL, and was on the founding committee of the latter.