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She was a lifelong member of the Washington Avenue Methodist Church, now the Wesley United Methodist Church, where she served as a nursery helper many years, attended its Women's Circles and served as a Cub Scout den mother. She had been an active member of the Washington School P.T.A. and a member of the 1936 Class Reunion organizational group.

Survivors include five children, Judy Monroe of Springhill, Sam H. Loughmiller III, of Merriam, Tom Loughmiller of Pittsburg, Jerry Loughmiller of Wellington, and Jane Loughmiller Crook of Mt. Airy, N.C.; 13 grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Quinby Loughmiller on Jan. 21, 2004; and her brother, Lt. James Quinby Howey, July 24, 1944.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, at the Carson-Wall Funeral Home with Rev. Peggy Hillmon officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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