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Ida R. Zappa Bradley

Feb. 9, 1951 - Dec. 4, 2006

Ida R. Zappa Bradley, 55, of Huffman St., Morganton, NC died Monday, December 4, 2006 at Carolina Commons in Greensboro, NC. She was born Feb. 9, 1951 in Burke County, and was the daughter of Donald Zappa and Rudell Smith Jackson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel J. Bradley. She was a member of Faith Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by a step-son, Robert Dean Bradley; an uncle, Thomas Smith; and numerous cousins, including Lucille Hartmann and Shirley Jean Epley Yount.

A memorial service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Friday, December 8, 2006 at Faith Freewill Baptist Church with Rev. Rocky Reese officiating. Burial was held in the church cemetery at an earlier date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to help with funeral expenses, to the Ida Bradley Fund, c/o of Faith Freewill Baptist Church, 1310 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655. Sossoman Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Tribute Wall

Ida R. Zappa Bradley and I go back to when she was born and I was preschool. Ida Rudell Smith was my mother Annie Laura Smith Bollinger's sister. Those two ladies and my maternal grandmother Mattie Epley Smith, along with Aunt Rudell's husband Don Zappa, father of little Ida R., who quickly became Snooky, shortened later to Snook. We had many years of visiting and playing, collecting Beatle magazine photos and going to see Beatles movies and Lord of the Rings. Together we wrote movie scenario involving the Beatles. My years at Appalachian, followed by years of teaching in Caldwell County, took up much of time and her marriage refocused her life's journey. We were each other's "sisters" in spite of the age difference, and I still have pictures she sketched of things we shared, like pets and tv, comic books and movies.

–Lucille Hartmann