



## Belva Elizabeth Mathieson

June 2, 1918 - June 20, 2015

BELVA "LIBBY" E. MATHIESON June 2, 1918 ~ June 20, 2015 "Libby's gentle demeanor, ready smile and loving attitude proved to be the magnet for so many wonderful friends and a long and happy life." Libby joyfully walked to the light of Jesus Saturday night and we know she was welcomed with a happy heart and open arms. Born the middle child of three girls to Tony and Della Day, Libby was raised in southeast Washington D.C. Always an active child, her mom said she never walked, but always ran. In high school, she met the only love of her life, Ray Mathieson, and married him on her 20th birthday. Together they raised two sons, Richard and Ray Jr., and daughter, Betty. Libby's first real job was as a nurses's helper at St. Elizabeth's Mental Hospital in D.C., perhaps because her Baptist faith brought out her empathy. For years as her children went through school, she was involved in PTA activities. When all three children finished school, Libby went to work full time at the U.S. Weather Bureau in D.C. in the computer lab - back when computers were the size of a room. Later, working in the Weather Bureau Personnel Office, she helped determine which scientific candidates were mentally and physically capable of living in the Antarctica for months of isolation. Her retirement coincided with husband Ray's Federal retirement and they moved to southern Maryland where they immersed themselves in fishing, crabbing and yacht club activities. Mom continued in her spiritual journey and made many dear friends, both at church and garden club. Libby is survived by son, Ray; daughter, Betty; grandchildren, Bob, Dave, and Molly; great-grandchildren, Amanda,

Ashley, Robert, and Taylor; and great-great-grandchildren, Adrian, Andrea, and Jordan. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 59 years; son, Richard; grandson, Dwayne; and great-grandson, Levi. Friends are invited to help celebrate Libby's 97 years with her family at home at 1:00 p.m., Friday., June 26, 2015. Please sign her guest book at: [www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits).

# Tribute Wall



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