



Hixie Josephine Ransaw

1859 - 1961

She was born October 4, 1859 in Coosa County, Alabama six years prior to the abolition of slavery in the United States. Slaves were not allowed to attend school and were prohibited from learning how to read and write. Notwithstanding these barriers, Hixie and her brother were taught how to read by the slave master's son. Through these teachings Hixie developed a love for reading and is remembered by her family as a strong proponent for education. She loved reading the Bible and was a great orator who recited poetry and relayed her life events in a story like fashion. Despite living during slavery and racism, Hixie had a resilient spirit that helped her overcome many obstacles on her life's journey. She was a major driving force for five family generations and was committed to her family and her faith. Hixie is remembered best as having a sense of humor, keen insight and a spirit of independence. She lived to be 102 years old and leaves a legacy of eight generations and over 200 descendants. In memory of Hixie's strength and her desire for her family to live productive, meaningful lives, the Hixie Ransaw Scholarship Award carries her vision forward to future generations.

**Hixie understood the key to success and took advantage of the opportunities set before her.
Remember: Your destiny is chosen by God, but its fulfillment is decided by you!**