

# *Lucille Redding*

*July 13, 1917 - December 14, 2014*



Lucille Hilton Redding was born July 13, 1917 in Haralson County, Georgia to Earnest and Lillie Hilton. She was married to former Sheriff Otis “Monk” Redding of Douglasville, Georgia. She married Starling Redding in 1977.

At the age of 46, Lucille was appointed by Ordinary, Robert Abercrombie to fill out the unexpired term of her husband, Otis “Monk” Redding when he died of a sudden heart attack as Sheriff of Douglas County, Georgia in 1963. She served in this capacity for thirty days at which time an election was held. In this election she beat Claude Abercrombie, R. L. Smith and E. L. Smith, becoming the first woman to be elected sheriff in the state of Georgia. It is noted that she was not the first woman sheriff in Georgia but she was the first woman *elected* sheriff in the state.

Following her term as sheriff she retired to the family business, The Rock Inn Café in Winston, Georgia. She and “Monk” had owned and operated the café before his death. The Rock Inn was founded in 1946 and closed in 2006, it was at one time the oldest restaurant in Douglas County.

Lucille, known to her family as “Granny Red” was dedicated to her family and her church, First Baptist Church of Villa Rica, Georgia.

She passed from this life at the age on 97 on December 14, 2014.