



Mrs. Bates Butts

January 10, 1921 - October 10, 2011

Mrs. Geraldine Butts, 90, of Preston, Mississippi, passed away on Tuesday, October 10, 2011, after a brief illness of pneumonia at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, Mississippi. A memorial service, led by Rev. Allan Eaves, will be held graveside at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at Hailey-Richey Cemetery on County Line Road in Kemper County (on Winston-Kemper County line).

Mrs. Butts was born January 10, 1921, and most of her life was spent in Meridian, Mississippi, Austin, Texas, Jackson, Mississippi, and in Winston County, Mississippi. She was a faithful member of Ebenezer Pentecostal Church. One of her greatest joys was to play the piano for her church on Ebenezer Church Road, which she was able to do until just a few weeks before the Lord called her home. She was a great Christian lady with loving kindness for everyone.

Mrs. Butts served in the United States Navy during World War II. As a young person, she worked in several companies. In 1971, Mrs. Butts graduated with a master's degree from the University of Alabama. She retired from the University of Texas and the Mississippi School of the Deaf.

Mrs. Butts is survived by two brothers, George W. Bates and wife, Sally, and Frank Bates and wife, Freda; and by her sister-in-law, Lillian Bates, all of

Birmingham, Alabama, as well as, several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert K. Butts; her parents, George M. and Ethel Wade Bates; and three brothers, R. D. Bates, O. T. Bates, and an infant brother.

Memorials may be made to the Gideon's or to the charity of your choice. Nowell-Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, Mississippi, is handling the arrangements. You may sign the guestbook at www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Bates Butts*

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Butts. She was always so kind to my son, Jimmy, who attended The Mississippi School for the Deaf. I have fond memories of her.*

Allison Anderson - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM



“ *Our Prayers are with you, and we will be thinking about you in your time of lose.*

James and Martha Patterson - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM



“ *Sister Geraldine will be missed. We loved her and it was a blessing to have her in our lives. Praying for the family, church family, and all the friends.*

Byron Foster - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM



“ *We will miss Mrs. Geraldine at our meetings for REPM. She was a Christian woman, faithful member and a very inspirational person.*

Mary Kathryn Rogers - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM

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“Geraldine was loved and honored by everyone who knew her -- from merchants to far away acquaintances. Her piano playing was a blessing to all who heard her. Her compassion for animals, wild and domestic, was unmatched. Her quiet, gentle spirit was contagious. When should we stop the accolades? Perhaps sometime, but we cannot imagine that now. Our loss -- Heaven's gain.

Roger and Frances Gaddis - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM