



## Elisabeth M. Gates

November 6, 1929 - April 3, 2013

Elisabeth M. Gates age 83 of Decatur, passed away Wednesday, April 3, 2013 in Decatur. Mrs. Gates was born November 6, 1929 in Chicago, IL to William T. Maplesden and Ellen Milligan Maplesden. Services will Friday, April 5, 2013 11:30 a.m., at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home. Visitation will be Friday, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. prior to the service. A private family burial will be in Gatlin Cemetery with Pat Lawrence officiating. Mrs. Gates was a member of First Baptist Church of Athens. Preceded in death by three husbands, James H. Massey, Billy Greene and Oscar Mac Gates; daughter, Sarah M. McCulloch; parents, William and Ellen Maplesden; three brothers, Bill Maplesden, Bob Maplesden and Hugh Maplesden. Survived by a daughter, Susan M. Harpe and husband Bob of Decatur , three sons, Jim Massey and wife , Paige of Louisville, KY, Tim Massey and wife, Kathy of Athens and David Massey and wife, Tina of Franklin, TN; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Larry Maplesden, Bobby Maplesden, Johnny Maplesden, Steve Phillips, David Clem and Will Baker. A special thank you, to the staff of Decatur Homecare and Riverside Senior Living. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hospice of the Valley Inc. P.O. Box 2745 Decatur, AL 35602.

# Tribute Wall

PF

“ Susan, Bob and the Massey family,  
Sharing your pain and sadness today. We love you so dearly and  
hold you close in our hearts.  
Sally, Teresa, Pat and Joni

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**Pepper family** - April 06, 2013 at 08:59 AM

MM

“ Thinking of you all. I miss her so much, but rejoice her reunion with  
everyone that has preceded her to Heaven.  
I love all of you,  
Mark

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**Mark Maplesden** - April 05, 2013 at 04:03 PM

CS

“ Got to know her through Max coming to Athens Dulcimers Good  
dancer Always a sweet smile.

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**c. schmidt** - April 05, 2013 at 02:15 PM

RS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult  
time.

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**Robert Sinkhorn** - April 04, 2013 at 04:26 PM

MG

“ To Betty's family. I am so sorry. May God be with you all at this time.  
We are praying for you.  
Marge and Family

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**Marge Gates** - April 04, 2013 at 11:39 AM

JW

“ Dear Aunt Betty - I will miss your smile and your wonderful quirkiness. Say hi to my Dad and my precious Heather for me and give them my love. Love, your niece Jane

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**Jane Weaver** - April 03, 2013 at 03:33 PM

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“ Main Album

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**Guest** - January 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM