



Bennie Littleton Martin

February 20, 2014

Bennie Jo Littleton Martin, age 90, died Wednesday, February 19, 2014, in Gainesville, Florida. She was born June 21, 1923, in Vannah, Georgia, to Benjamin and Susie Littleton. She attended Bessie Tift College before her marriage to Paul Lanier Martin, Sr., her husband of 55 years.

Bennie worked in the Registrar's office at the University of Florida for 27 years, rising in responsibility from clerk to Assistant to the Registrar. Bennie and Paul were loving, supportive parents to their three children, Paul, Suzanne and Karen. They were faithful members and servants of the First Baptist Church of Gainesville. Avid Gator fans and motor home campers, they traveled to as many out-of-town games as their schedules allowed. They were grandparents par excellence.

After her husband's death in 1996, Bennie remained active in her church, family and social life, volunteering at the hospital, her church, and with Hospice. She remained the loving and wise confidante and family matriarch. She is survived by 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

A service celebrating the life of Bennie Martin will be held Saturday,

February 22, at 11 AM, at the First Baptist Church of McIntosh, located on Hwy 441 at Avenue F, with a reception immediately following. Interment will be at the McIntosh Cemetery, with arrangements by Forest Meadows Funeral Home (352) 378-2528. An online guestbook is available at www.forestmeadowsfh.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd, Gainesville, 32606, or First Baptist Church, P O Box 257, McIntosh, 32664. "Sweet, strong and shining she was. We bless her soul's flight."

Tribute Wall

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“ Upon returning to Gainesville from out of town last night, I saw the notice of Bennie's death today in the newspaper. It was my honor and privilege to visit Bennie Martin at Woodlands this past year and one-half, recalling and thanking her for her grace, faith, and legacy, sing to her, read Scripture to her, and pray for her. I am sorry not to be able to attend the celebration of her life as another member I had visited asked me to participate at the same time in her memorial service in Gainesville. I remembered Bennie fondly at the "downtown church" and later reconnecting with her at the nursing home. She was faithful to her Lord and church, and I hold all of you in my prayers at this time of your transition. Although she had few words toward her final days, her eyes spoke volumes to me with good eye contact revealing the Light within her. May God bless the family. Rev. Lynwood Walters, Associate Minister of Pastoral Care, First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Florida.

Rev. Lynwood Walters - February 21, 2014 at 11:18 AM