



Glenna Orrell Bennett

February 23, 2020

Glenna Orrell Bennett, age 85, was surrounded by her family when she peacefully passed on Friday February 21, 2020, after a long illness. Glenna was a beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother and friend to many. She was a tremendous inspiration to those who knew her.

Glenna was a member of First Baptist Church, Gainesville, FL for 59 years, where she served in many capacities including personnel committee, Woman's Missionary Union, and Deacon.

Born in Spring Garden, VA, she met her future husband 72 years ago. They built a wonderful life together that eventually brought them to Gainesville in 1961, where they raised their family.

Glenna graduated from James Madison University. She was a member of Sigma, Sigma, Sigma sorority and served as chapter president.

Glenna loved teaching, and specialized in home economics, sharing that passion with students for many years.

She enjoyed travel, especially to the beach, and spending time with her family.

Glenna is preceded in death by her parents, Ira Oscar Orrell and Elsie

Williams Orrell; as well as her brother, the Reverend Julian S. Orrell, and her sister Dorothy Orrell Dodd.

She is survived by her husband, Bobby R. Bennett; son, Stephen R. Bennett and his wife Tracy Burrows; daughter, Cynthia B. Bass and her husband David; Grandsons; Nathaniel, Austin, and Henry.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the loving staff of Plaza Health and Rehab, and to VITAS Hospice Care.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00, Wednesday February 26, 2020, at First Baptist Church, 14105 NW 39th Avenue, Gainesville, FL, 32606. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to the First Baptist Church, Missions Fund.

Tribute Wall

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“ Bobby and family,
I am so sorry to learn of your loss of Glenna. Wives, mother's and
grandmother's are so important to family growth and strength. Will
be praying for you.

Tom Hill - February 23, 2020 at 08:17 PM

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“ I will miss Glenna's smiling face and her great cooking at the family
farm. I have many Christmas and summer memories of all the
family get togethers. Glenna truly loved Bobby and her children and
has always been a great inspiration to me.

Cheryl Bennett - February 23, 2020 at 08:09 PM