



Mary Katherine Gates

March 9, 1933 - October 27, 2013

Mary Harris Gates, 80, of Ringgold went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, October 27, 2013. She was born on March 9, 1933 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to the late, Jessie & Gertie Harris. She had lived most of her life in the Chattanooga & North Georgia areas but had also spent several years in Chicago, Illinois. She was of the Baptist faith and frequented Peach Orchard Baptist Church and is smiling down on all of us now as she dances down the "Streets of Gold". Mary loved dancing and took great pleasure and joy in being with her children. She was also preceded in death by her husband of more than 42 years, Claude Gates, Sr.; daughter, Patricia Sholtz and son, Freddy Gates.

Mary left behind her surviving children and spouses, Claude Gates, Jr., Carolyn & (Don) Wallin and Janice Gates all of Ringgold, GA and George "Dink"& (Tracey) Gates of Flintstone, GA; 11 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 30, 2013 in the Fort Oglethorpe Chapel with Bro. James Davis officiating. Burial will follow in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family will begin receiving friends after 1 p.m. Tuesday and prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home. Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA. Online guest book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

CF

“ Your mom was a good, caring person. She will be missed. She has gone home where there will be no more pain. She will always be in our hearts. . My prayers go out to Carolyn and Don and all of their family at this sad time. So sorry for your loss. I know you have a hard road to go.

Love Carol and Gene

Gloria (Gene's Sister)

Carolyn L'Heureux - Calhoun, GA - close friend - October 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Mom is all I ever called you. Even though we never got the chance to meet in person. You touched my life. You will be missed. Across the phone we called good night. GOOD NIGHT. MOM. Carolyn and Don there are no words I can send how I know you feel
My love and prayers are being sent to you and your family

donna sanders - Pensacola , FL - friend - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Mary Gates (my Mother in Law) was just like a mother since the passing of my mother. we have had some really great times together and some disagreements. When her husband {Claude} past away if my wife Carolyn and I got into the car to go anywhere she was with us. We would take off anywhere or somewhere and she loved to go. She would say turn right and I would turn left. We were lost in places we had never been and she loved it so much. She always wanted to go to a flea market so off we would go no body knows where. She loved to go to restaraunts and would eat anything as long as it tasted good. She was a wonderful person to know. Always spoke her mind to friend or stranger which occasionally caused problems and I would do whatever it took to stop the trouble. I am going to miss her so much. I love you Pooh, and wish you could still be here but the Lord called and you answered. God will take good care of you and we will see you later. Your loving Son in Law---Don*

Don Wallin - Ringgold, GA - Son in Law - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *May God grant you peace and comfort at this time.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Brian & Nancy Haskett*

Brian & Nancy Haskett - Rossville, GA - Friend of the Family - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Ms . Gates was a loving lady she was so sweet we loved her like a mother and grandmother she made us smile alot*

Ricky and Blake Cargill - dalton, GA - friends - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ So sorry for your loss..You all are in our thoughts and prayers!!!!

Crowder Family - Chickamauga, GA - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ So sorry I am not able to be with you at this time...I loved Aunt Mary very much. She was a very caring and uplifting person to me, and her enthusiasm shall be missed. My heart and thoughts are with all of you - Dink, Janice, Carolyn and Junior..and will be for a while to come. Much love, Terri

Terri (Manning) West - Dalton, GA - cousin - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Please except my condolences. It's hard losing your mom. My prayers are with you. She is dancing with my Fredde.
Loretta Haddock

Loretta Haddock - Ringgold, GA - Friend - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ So sorry for your families loss !

Janie - Chickamauga, GA - Friends of Tracey's - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM