



Emma Jean Gates

August 1, 1930 - October 31, 2010

Graveside services for Mrs. Emma Jean Gates, 80 of the Deadwood Community of Panola County, Texas will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at the Old Prospect Cemetery with Rev. Chester Farmer officiating. Services are under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be Tuesday evening from 6–8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Mrs. Gates died October 31, 2010 at her home in the Deadwood Community.

Mrs. Emma Jean Gates was born August 1, 1930 in Joaquin, Texas. She was one of five children born to the marriage of Alfred Fisher and Della Ponder Mills. Mrs. Gates attended Carthage Schools and was a member of the New Prospect Baptist Church. She married John Thomas Gates and together they celebrated 64 years of marriage. Emma was a homemaker and a caregiver to her family and loved cooking, sewing, crocheting, and shopping. But her greatest joy was loving her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Floread Elliott.

Mrs. Gates is survived by her loving husband, J. T. Gates of Deadwood; daughters, Barbara Watson and husband Russell of Montgomery and Judy Davis and husband Ray of Deadwood; son, Tommy Gates of Troup; grandchildren, Rachel Chism and husband David of Conroe, Jason Watson and wife Stacie of College Station, Mandy Pugh and husband Jerry of Flint, Jeremy Davis and wife Kristen of Henderson, Aaron Gates and wife Melissa of Houston; great grandchildren, Emma and Adam Isaacks, Tyler and Colton Watson, Matthew and Mina Davis, Sean and Ryan Gates, Peyton Young and

Kobe Daniels; siblings, Grady Mills and wife Donneya of Weatherford, Columbus Mills and wife Ann of Deadwood and Addie Ruth Luman of Deadwood; brothers-in-law, Hice Gates and wife Bea of Shreveport, Louisiana and Harmon Gates and wife Betty of Cleveland; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jason Watson, Jeremy Davis, Aaron Gates, Adam Isaacks, Jerry Pugh and David Chism.

The family requests that memorials may be made to New Prospect Baptist Church.

An online guestbook may be signed at www.hawthornfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Service

NOV 3. 11:00 AM.

Graveside

Tribute Wall



“ I know you are smiling and walking with Jesus now, I picture this in my mind when I think of you and smile, and at the same time I am sad because we lost an angel here on earth, you will be missed by so many who love you, but we will see you again one day! I love you Aunt Emma! :) (smiling)##imported-begin##Sharon McClung##imported-end##

November 04, 2010 at 10:03 AM



“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##JoNell LaGrone##imported-end##

November 04, 2010 at 01:05 AM



“ On behalf of all of the staff at Heartsway Hospice, I extend condolences to the family of Emma Gates. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as you endure this loss. May God bless you and give you strength for this difficult time.##imported-begin##Chaplain Larry Tyler##imported-end##

November 03, 2010 at 05:45 PM



“ Well it is getting close to the time that you will all be saying your final goodbye and, unfortunately, due to commitments at work, I am not able to share with you physically but please know that I am right there with you emotionally. I will miss the way Aunt Emma always said my name. For some reason it always came out a little different that when everyone else says it, except for Barbara. Barbara says it almost the same way. I can't explain it but there is just a little something different. Aunt Emma always had a big hug and a smile no matter where you saw her and if food was cooked a plate at the table. What a treasure she will be in Heaven. I know she is with her Savior as well as ofther family memebbers now, but most of all she is in no more pain! With that I bid her farewell...##imported-begin##Delene Mills Smith##imported-end##

November 03, 2010 at 10:52 AM



“ O MR. JT AND JUDY AND FAMILY I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT MRS.EMMA SHE WAS ON FINE AND SWEET LADY TO ME I ALWAYS LOVED VISITING WITH HER AT DR. GRANTS OFFICE ...I KNOW SHE WILL BE GRATELY MISSEDBUT SHE IS HAVING A GLAD REUNION DAY TODAY WITH ALL OF HER LOVE ONES THAT HAVE GONE ON BEFORE HER...YOU'LL ARE IN MY PRAYERS..LOVE KIM##imported-begin##kim brady##imported-end##

November 02, 2010 at 08:41 PM



“ Dear Aunt Emma,

We will miss you so much, we all loved you dearly. You were always a ray of sunshine for us and your love and smiles will always be with us. My prayers go out to Uncle JT, Barbara, Judy and Tommy.

Love Vicky##imported-begin##Victoria Gates Behan##imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 08:09 PM



“ *There are no words to explain how much Aunt Emma meant to me. She was there for me when I needed her and taught me so much when I was young. She always had a beautiful smile and the best hugs. I will miss the hugs to most. I will carry her love with me forever.##imported-begin##Angie Mills Loftin##imported-end##*

November 01, 2010 at 07:16 PM



“ *Having known and loved Ms Emma is one of the greatest blessings in my life. My thoughts, prayers and love to all the family.##imported-begin##Jenny Gates##imported-end##*

November 01, 2010 at 01:22 PM



“ *Such a great loss to us all! My Aunt Emma will be missed so much by me! I loved spending my summers with her and Uncle JT. I know she is smiling down on all of us and standing right next to Jesus! Love you Aunt Emma!!!##imported-begin##Melanie Gates##imported-end##*

November 01, 2010 at 11:53 AM



“ Barbara Judy and Family my thoughts and prayers are with you we are going to miss Aunt Emer so much. She was a wonderful sweet lady .##imported-begin##Stephanie Snow##imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 11:42 AM



“ Aunt Emma played an important part in my life. Always ready with a hug and smile when you walked in the door. Besides her mother, my Mamaw, she is among one of the greatest women I've had the pleasure of having in my life. I will never forget her, and will cherish her memory all my days. I love you, Aunt Emma.##imported-begin##Tammi Mills Heaton##imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 10:46 AM



“ Barbara,
I wish I could be with you at this time. I have sweet memories of times that I spent with you and your mother. Please give my love to your family. I will be thinking about you and keeping you and your family in my prayers. I will talk to you soon.
Paulette##imported-begin##Paulette Kirby##imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 10:27 AM



“ What a great lady this was! Spending a lot of time in her home with my best friend, Barbara, gave me plenty of exposure to her gracious hospitality and sparked wonderful childhood memories. May God's loving arms surround the family at this time.##imported-begin##Darlene Sullivan##imported-end##

November 01, 2010 at 10:24 AM