



Mayme Seay McAlister

March 7, 1922 - March 7, 2013

Mayme Elizabeth Seay was born to William “Doc” Seay and Tommie Lou Lee Seay on March 7, 1922, in Franklin County, Alabama. As a young girl, the family lived in Key West, Florida, and later in Cincinnati, Ohio, until the TVA was established and the young family moved back to the South. Many years were spent in locations where the dams were being constructed. Among Mayme’s favorite memories of growing up were the years spent in Pickwick, Tennessee. The family always returned home to the family farm in Waco, Alabama between TVA assignments where she enjoyed playing with her many cousins and visiting relatives.

Mayme graduated from Central High School in Chattanooga and Florence State Teachers College (now UNA). She married Buford Lano McAlister on April 19, 1941, in Russellville, Alabama where they raised their three children, Lanny, Sharon and Jeff. Mayme taught school in Franklin County and Russellville for over 30 years until her retirement in 1983. She instilled in her students a lifelong love of literature, especially poetry. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and was active in school, community and church groups throughout her life. Mayme will be remembered for her adventuresome and fun-loving spirit. Her positive attitude prevailed throughout her infirmity.

Mayme died on March 7, 2013 in Athens, Alabama on her 91st birthday surrounded by the love of her family.

Her parents, her husband, and a granddaughter, Betsy McAlister, preceded her in death. She is survived by her children, Gayle and Lanny McAlister and Jeff McAlister, all of Russellville, Sharon and Curtis Grissom of Athens, Alabama; her sister, Doris Barnette and husband, Bill of Atlanta, Georgia; grandchildren, Jennifer McAlister Lowery of Florence, Alabama, Derek and Lee Ellen Grissom Sharp and Derrek and Laura Lou Grissom Smith, all of Birmingham, Alabama, J.W. and Gretchen Grissom Ekiss, Norwalk, Connecticut, Will and Ashley McAlister, Florence, Alabama, Nathan McAlister and John McAlister, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; eight great-grandchildren, Zach, Tristan and Zeke Lowery, Gigi, Gentry and Molly Mac Sharp, and Elizabeth and Louisa Ekiss.

The funeral service will be Sunday, March 10, 2013, at First Baptist Church in Russellville, Alabama at 3:00 p.m. Visitation will precede the service from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. A private interment will follow the service. Memorials can be made to Russellville Elementary School Library, 133 Chucky Mullins Memorial Drive, Russellville, Alabama 35653.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Russellville
213 North Jackson Ave.
Russellville, AL 35653

Service

MAR 10. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Sharon, Lanny and Jeff my heart and prayers ate with you today and always. Mayme was delightful and I loved being around her and hearing her stories from the past. I wish I could be there fir the service but know my heart will be.

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March 09, 2013 at 11:45 PM



“ The world has lost a true Christian Southern lady. Thoughts and prayers remain each of you.##imported-begin##Annabelle Posey##imported-end##

March 08, 2013 at 06:50 PM



“ Gayle and Lanny, so sorry aobut your mom. I love all of you. WYnell##imported-begin##Wynell Howell##imported-end##

March 08, 2013 at 06:17 PM