



Eleanor Bernheim Bass

September 3, 1925 - June 4, 2012

Eleanor Bernheim Bass passed away on June 4, 2012 at the Orchard in Ridgeland. She was 86 years old. Eleanor was born on September 3, 1925 in Gulfport to the late Georgia Mae Shirley Bernheim and Paul Bernheim. She grew up in Gulfport, and graduated from the University of Tennessee. She and her husband, Dr. James C. Bass, made their life and home in Laurel after completion of his medical training. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Laurel. Eleanor served with many charitable organizations and boards, giving generously of her time. She was a vibrant part of the Laurel community, and Eleanor will be missed by many cherished friends. Eleanor was predeceased by her husband on November 14, 1977, and her brother, Joseph B. "Dick" Bernheim on November 6, 2008. She is survived by her son, Richard L. Bass (Laurel); her brother P.G. (Lyn) Bernheim, Sr., Gulfport; nieces, Stephanie (Harry) Hebert, Lafayette, LA., Lynn (Bud) Irving, Magnolia, TX, Paulette (Jimmy) Garton, Columbus, Marsha (Mike) Brown, Pass Christian, Michelle (Ben) McMath, Diamondhead, Nancy (Mike) Reeves, Columbus, and Amanda (Kevin) Buckley, Richmond, VA; and nephews, P.G. (Machelle) Bernheim, Jr., Madison and Dr. Peter (Kaye) Bernheim, Gulfport; and many grand nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful caregivers who cared for her at the Orchard while Eleanor resided there.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 6, at the Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel. Visitation will be held before the service at 10 a.m.

Interment will be at the Evergreen Cemetery, Gulfport, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Memorials may be made to the Dr. James C. and Eleanor B. Bass Scholarship Fund, First Baptist Church of Laurel, 607 W 5th Street, Laurel, MS 39440 or the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art, P. O. Box 1108, Laurel, MS 39441.

Memory Chapel of Laurel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Your laughter and smile will be greatly missed! So many fond memories of such a very dear woman. Rest in Peace Eleanor.* ”

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