



## Eloise "Ella" Gatlin Smith

March 5, 1924 - September 2, 2013

Eloise Smith passed away on Monday, September 2, 2013 at her home.

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, September 5, 2013, at Lake Park Hills Cemetery. Dr. Randy Turner will officiate.

Mrs. Smith was a native of Laurel and graduated from George S. Gardner High School. She was employed with Masonite Corporation where she retired after 40 years of service. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Laurel where she was active in the Women's Missionary Union, the morning Bible study group and the Bethany Sunday school class. She was a member of the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art, Guild of Docents and volunteers, and a long-time member of the Country Club Hills Garden Club.

She was preceded in her death by her husband, Wilber Reece Smith; her parents, Chester and Fannie Gatlin; two brothers, Delton and Roland Gatlin; a sister, Audrey Smith; and a son, David Smith.

Survivors include one son by marriage, Glenn Smith and his wife, Jan of Madison; two grandsons, Sheldon and Schyler Smith of Madison; one granddaughter, Anna Bier and husband, Alex of Mandeville, LA; one sister-in-law, Myrtis Gatlin; one nephew, Ben Gatlin, two nieces, Cindy Creel and her husband, Chris and Suzie Walker and her husband, Scott; two great nephews, Taylor Gatlin and Seth Walker and one great niece, Melody Gatlin, all of Laurel.

Pallbearers will be Sheldon Smith, Schyler Smith, Alex Bier, Ben Gatlin, Chris Creel and Scott Walker.

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be sent to First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 2636, Laurel, MS 39441 or Gideon's International, Visitation will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, September 5, 2013, at Memory Chapel which is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I did not work directly with Ella while I was at Masonite in the 1960's but everyone knew everyone in the Masonite family back then. She always had a cheerful smile on her face and was unfailingly encouraging and kind to the young women just starting out in the work world. I shall always remember her generous spirit. May she RIP.

Linda Hosey Lowrimore - September 11, 2013 at 01:32 PM

MP

“ I was a caregiver Of Medicaid Waiver. She was a very nice person who loved art & flowers. I was honored to have met her. The family have my deepest sympathy . May God bless yall !

Makeshia Powe-Coleman - September 05, 2013 at 03:33 PM

SC

“ Debbie Walters called me about Ella. She was so precious to everyone. The only cousin left from the family is Jimmy Rae,now. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you. Jimmy Sanders, Suzell Sanders Cain and Shana sanders Riles

suzell sanders cain - September 04, 2013 at 07:45 PM

AM

“ What wonderful memories we share of "Ms Ella" while she and my mother, Mary Love (Profilet), worked at Masonite together. Our love and prayers to her family.

Amy Love McGill - September 04, 2013 at 05:24 PM

DH

“ Hello, I'm MS. Margart Morgans caretaker! And she is very weak at this time and is unable to make the viewing or funeral, she sends her Love and Prayers for Family. she was a Dear friend to her.  
Sincerely, Margart Morgan

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**Darlene hicks** - September 04, 2013 at 10:34 AM

JH

“ Ella was my second mother. I loved her and will miss her everyday.P

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**Jane Hayes** - September 04, 2013 at 08:33 AM