



Mabel Joyce Bates Acton

March 27, 1935 - December 8, 2019

Mabel Joyce Bates Acton, 84, of Griffin, widow of Lonnie Nelson Acton, died Sunday, December 8, 2019 at Brightmoor Nursing Center.

Born in Ft. Payne, AL, March 27, 1935, she was a daughter of the late Alvis and Bessie Yarborough Bates. She was a retired school teacher after over thirty years of service having taught at Upson County, Henry County and substituting for Spalding County Schools.

Mrs. Acton was a member of Midway United Methodist Church.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her step-mother, Gladys Bates; a daughter, Kathy Vaughan; brothers and sisters, J.P. Bates, Sarah Katherine Studdard, Elmo Bates, Steve Bates, Milford Bates and Audrey Bates.

Survivors include a daughter, Jennifer Varnadoe and husband Ryan of Griffin; son-in-law, Craig Vaughan of Covington; grandchildren, Madeline Priest and Jessica Varnadoe; three sisters, Christine Bates, Jo Ann Bearden and husband Glen and Rosa Wilson, all of Alabama; three brothers, James Bates and wife Hazel and L.V. Bates, both of Florida and Roger Bates Alabama; several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mabel Joyce Bates Acton will be conducted Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 11:00 AM from the Chapel of Haisten McCullough Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Griffin Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 10:00 AM until the service hour at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or at stjude.org.

For online condolences please visit www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com. Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everee Inn Road, Griffin is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Griffin Memorial Gardens

Dobbins Mill Rd.
Griffin, GA 30223

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home
1155 Everee Inn Road
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mabel Joyce Bates Acton*

October 07, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *So sorry for the loss of Mrs. Mabel, she was such a wonderful lady. Wish I could of come to the funeral today, but unfortunately I've been sick for over a week. Praying for all of you, Love Sheila English & Gladys Blasingim her roommate @ Brightmoor!!*

Sheila English - December 11, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ *Brenda Blackman lit a candle in memory of Mabel Joyce Bates Acton*



Brenda Blackman - December 10, 2019 at 12:54 PM



Our prayers are with you and your family. We can't be there but we will be praying for you. Love you all. Shelley (Acton) Bennett

Shelley Bennett - December 10, 2019 at 08:57 PM