



Maxine T. Bettis Obituary

March 14, 1911 - January 31, 2008

Mrs. Maxine Adele Tompkins Bettis, 96, a native of Arkansas and a resident of Memphis, Tenn., for 68 years, died Thursday, January 31, 2008 at Evergreen Senior Living Center, Albany, GA. She had lived in Albany since 1988. Mrs. Bettis was preceded in death by her husband, Lee H. Bettis, Sr., a Memphis native who was president of George T. Brodnax, The city's premier jewelers, which later became part of Bailey Banks & Biddle. Mr. Bettis died in 1981. Mrs. Bettis, who was born March 14, 1911, in Helena, Ark., also was preceded in death by her parents Charles Tracy Tompkins and Minnie Grindstaff Tompkins of Memphis and three sisters: Mrs. Margaret Tate of Agawam, Mass; Mrs. Juanita Lowery of Memphis, and Mrs. Charlene Hudson of Naples, Fla. Active in civic affairs in Memphis, Mrs. Bettis was past president of the Memphis and Shelby County Council of Garden Clubs. She was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church for more than 50 years. In Albany, she was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Mrs. Bettis moved to Albany in 1988 to live near her son, Lee H. Bettis, Jr., retired CEO of Heritage Bank of the South and USMC Colonel and his wife Evie Bragg Bettis. They are resident of Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., as well as Albany. She is also survived by a son Hal L. Bettis and his wife Patti Moore Bettis of Houston, Texas. In addition there are four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The grandchildren are Suzanne Lee Bettis and Lee H. (Ty) Bettis, III, (Raines Smith Bettis) of Albany, and Hal L. Bettis, Jr., (Jennifer Austin Bettis) of Houston, and Sally Bettis Gupton (John Robert Gupton) also of Houston. The eight great-grandchildren are

Stanton Emery Jones, Bragg Blackshear Jones, Charles Tompkins Jones, Lee Harren Bettis, IV, and Smith Phillips Bettis, all of Albany, and Hunter Austin Bettis, Hannah Mae Bettis, and Charlotte Ruth Bettis, all of Houston. The body was cremated. The ashes will be buried at St. Paul's Episcopal Church following a memorial service there on, Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 2 PM. The Very Rev. Mark Jones officiating. There will be a reception in the church Parrish Hall following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 211 N. Jefferson St., Albany, GA 31701, or to Albany Community Hospice, 2232 Lake Park Dr., Albany, Ga. 31707.

Tribute Wall



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“ *Dear Lee and Family,
Although I can only faintly remember your mother, I wanted to extend my sympathy in your loss. She obviously had a very full life and you were certainly a great part of making her feel secure and loved. This morning I looked at our kindergarten picture from Springdale Elementary School and there you were on the front row playing drum along with Ronnie Borod and Brian Bland. May God bless each member of family during this sad time.*

Ronald "Butch" Alford - February 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My deepest sympathy to both Lee and Hal and the entire Bettis family. Maxine was my mother-in-law, Doris Sansing's best friend when she lived in Memphis. They played bridge together anytime they could get 4 or more together to play a game! My best memory of your sweet mother was at Christmas-after all the gifts were opened there would be this small beautifully wrapped gift still under the tree, and my father-in-law, Gilbert Sansing, would always say, "Well, there's Maxine's gift from Doris-they'll be going to lunch to exchange gifts in a couple of days!!" Maxine was a grand Southern lady, kind and gentle and she loved to talk about her boys! I think Maxine and Doris are finally together again and having a wonderful time and maybe playing a bit of bridge as well!! My prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

Jelena M. Sansing - February 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ I always thought she had such a sweet spirit. I have often thought about how she was doing. My parents (Joe and Roberta Sailors)always cared so much about your parents. Mrs. Bettis was always such a lady. I am very sorry for your loss.

Donna Sailors Edwards - February 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ My thoughts are with you at this time of loss.

Leonard Engelberg - February 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Hal & Lee,

Your Mom was truly a beautiful lady and had a wonderful life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Mike

Mike & Susan Blackwell - February 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Lee and Evie,

I am so sorry, I know you both will miss her. My deepest sympathy Lee, for we never get over losing our Mothers, Lou

Ms.Lou Johnson - February 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hal,

*With sincere sympathy in the loss of your Mother.
I was a classmate with you at Central High School*

Betty Jo Olive (Johnson) - February 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Lee & family,

We send our sincere condolences and prayers for you at this most difficult time. May God Bless.

Don & JoAnn Callaway

Don & JoAnn Callaway - February 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ DEAR LEE, SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR MOTHER. SHE WAS SUCH A SWEET LADY! SHE LIVED A LONG AND FULL LIFE, AND LOVED HER FAMILY. I WILL BE KEEPING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. DEBBIE SUTTON

DEBBIE SUTTON - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ My sympathy to each one member of the Bettis family. Since I first met Maxine at Fernandina in the summer of 1990, she has been an inspiration to me and a good friend. Fond memories will linger of our wonderful trips to Fernandina, walks on the beach, many bridge games, delicious meals and great fun! In the more recent years, Aunt Marshall and I enjoyed our Monday evening telephone chats with Maxine and marveled at her indomitable spirit. Including you, her family, Maxine's many friends in Albany will miss her dearly! Love, Nancy

Nancy Hamilton - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM