



## Gwenda Dean Pilkington

June 12, 1925 - May 12, 2013

Gwenda Dean Tucker Pilkington, age 87 of Searcy, died Sunday, May 12, 2013 in Searcy. She was born June 12, 1925 in Morrilton, Arkansas, the daughter of Ben Hugh Tucker, Sr. and Lula Grace Evans Tucker. Her life took her from Hughes, Arkansas, where she graduated high school, to the University of Arkansas, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She married Albert W. Pilkington, Jr. in 1945 in San Antonio, Texas. After he left the military they moved to Helena, and then 16 years later to Camden, and thirteen years later they moved to Searcy. Gwen was an active member of the First United Methodist church until she became ill. She could always be depended on to help with any activity. She worked in several fields during her working years. In Ouachita County she worked in the Collector's office. She also worked as an insurance agent for Mutual of Omaha, and in Searcy she worked as a real estate agent. She was a wonderful mother and friend. She was patient, kind and caring and put the needs of others ahead of herself. She will be missed by all who knew her. Gwenda is survived by two daughters, Becky Phares and her husband Lynn of Searcy, Martha Jane Plant of Albany, Georgia; one son, Albert W. Pilkington, III and his wife Michele of West Virginia; eight grandchildren, Chris Phares and wife Tiffani, Ben Phares and fiancé Karen Sexton, Rich Plant and wife Stephani, Matt Plant and wife Kelly, Drew Plant and wife Casey, Albert W. Pilkington IV, Aaron Pilkington, Austin Pilkington; and ten great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, Ben and Grace Tucker; husband, Albert; one brother, Ben Tucker

and two great-grandsons, Tucker Phares and Tanner Phares. Funeral services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Searcy. Interment will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Searcy. A special thanks goes to the whole team at Oakdale Nursing Home. They were all so kind and caring. Thanks also to her home caretakers Maxine Teague and Irene Sutton.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Jane, I was sorry to hear about your Mom. You are in my prayers and thoughts.*

*Dennis*

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