



Valerie Mathews

April 19, 2009

On April 19, 2009, Valerie Young Mathews, 85, of Searcy, went home to be with her Lord and to join her beloved husband, Tom, for a long awaited dance. During her 85 years on this earth she became an adoring mother to three children and Nana to ten grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. Everyone who met her in her later years called her Nana. She loved passionately and unselfishly and was a positive influence to everyone. Nana was born in Auckland, New Zealand, where she later met and married Tom Mathews who was stationed there during WWII. She immigrated to the United States, settled in Memphis, Tennessee, and later moved to Beaumont, Texas, where she raised her family. For the last forty years Nana lived in Houston. She was an avid volunteer at Memorial Hermann Hospital in The Woodlands, Texas.

She is preceded in death not only by her husband Tom, but also by her parents, David and Ella Young, and her brothers, Watson and Richard, all from New Zealand.

She is survived by her daughter Ann and husband Don of Charleston, West Virginia; her son Richard and wife Fran of The Woodlands, Texas; her son David and wife Debbie of Searcy, Arkansas. She is also survived by ten grandchildren: Jeff and wife Kristine Hamm; Rebecca and husband Jason Watson; Tom and wife Leslie Hamm; Danny and wife Wendi Mathews; Stephen and wife Meredith Mathews; Greg and wife Misty Mathews; Adam and wife Rebekka Mathews; Sara and husband Jason Strader; Kelly

Mathews; Charles Mathews; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to extend thanks to her many friends around the world who made her life so special. They would also like to thank the Staff at White County Medical Center for their compassionate care during her final days.

Tribute Wall



“ *I am sorry for your loss. May God comfort you in the knowledge she is in a better place. The warm memories you have of her will soothe your spirits. Your family is in my prayers.* ”

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