



Rita "Genell" Wagner Mathews

August 5, 1936 - May 12, 2023

Rita "Genell" Wagner Mathews went to be with the Lord on May 12, 2023, at the age of 86. Rita passed away peacefully after an extended battle with congestive heart failure. She resided in Baker, Louisiana for many years where she raised her family and later returned to Albany, Louisiana.

She is survived by her loving husband Roland E. Mathews of 67 years, daughter Stephanie M. Meade (husband James), son Michael J. Mathews (wife Theresa), son Andrew E. Mathews, grandchildren Christine Jenkins (William), Shelby Martinez, Eric Mathews (Paige), Brian Mathews (Amanda), Misty Mathews, April Mathews (Michael), Andrea Mathews Falah (Will) and 9 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Charlotte McKnight, Dorothy Bankston, Joan Faust, William (Bud) Wagner (wife Linda), and Phyllis Brooks.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gordon Wagner and Marjorie Jelks Wagner and a brother, Andrew David Wagner.

Our mother was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and her love and patience never faltered. Above all our mother loved the Lord and served the Lord in her churches in Baker (First Baptist Church of Baker), and (Independence/Albany) Old Zion Hill Baptist Church for all her life until her health failed her. Until one is in need, it is difficult to understand how precious life is, how wonderful selfless friends and family are and how important and comforting personal faith in our Savior, Christ Jesus, is. As Billy Graham said before his death, "Someday you will read or hear that {I am} dead. Don't you

believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will have just changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of GOD.” Mom is now home and with no more pain in the loving presence of her savior – as He has promised.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation at Old Zion Hill Baptist Church on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Old Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery

Highway 442 West
Tickfaw, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Old Zion Hill Baptist Church
25890 LA-442
Independence, LA 70443
(225) 567-3331

Funeral Service

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita "Genell" Wagner Mathews*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - May 15, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita "Genell" Wagner Mathews.*



May 16, 2023 at 09:07 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rita "Genell" Wagner Mathews.*



May 16, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Rita "Genell" Wagner Mathews.



May 15, 2023 at 06:41 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Rita "Genell" Wagner Mathews.



May 14, 2023 at 11:39 PM



“ *Love you Aunt Rita!!*



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