



Lila Turner Eubanks

June 6, 1928 - January 26, 2018

Lila T. Eubanks was born June 6, 1928 to Alfred Lewis and Gladys Linzy Turner. A fifth generation Floridian and descendant of the Pioneer family of James Calvin and Nannie Raker Pigott, Lila lived her entire life in the Florida panhandle. At the age of 10 days, her mother enrolled Lila in the “Cradle Roll” at First Baptist Church of Tallahassee. This became the theme of her life. At age 12, Lila was baptized at First Baptist and began a lifetime of dedication and service.

Lila attended Florida High School until the war temporarily closed the school. She then transferred to Leon High School where she met her husband to be, Dewey B. Eubanks. Both were just 16 years old. At 17, she and Dewey were married – a marriage that lasted until his passing 58 years later. She attended Florida State University with coursework in Library Science.

Her greatest joy was her family – she and Dewey raised two daughters, Kathy Rivenbark (husband Ted) and Melissa Lamb (husband Austin). As the girls grew, the Eubanks family continued an active life in First Baptist Church where she and Dewey taught “Training Union” on Sunday evenings. A gracious hostess, Lila loved having their “football crowd” for pot luck dinners before FSU football games, slumber parties for the girls, and family dinners on a regular basis. Fish fries with her famous cheese grits were another favorite. Living next door to her parents, Lila was devoted to them and her adored grandmother, “Nanna Linzy”.

Lila loved working in her yard, arranging flowers, sewing, spending time with

friends and family and reading. She served on the Flower Committee at First Baptist where she helped establish a practice of repurposing flowers from Sunday services for distribution to church members who were housebound or ill. In addition she was active in the Tallahassee Garden Club and the Tallahassee Woman's Club – serving as President twice and holding several district offices.

When the girls grew up and began their own families, Lila truly found yet another joyful role – that of grandmother to Marcia, Linzy, Martin, Kristin and Stephen. She and Dewey loved taking their grandchildren to nearby Bristol where they had a home on Lake Mystic and a farm. Their home was always a “hub” for these beloved children as they grew up, married and provided them with another generation to love and nurture. After Dewey passed away in 2004, Lila continued to enjoy her home, garden, church and civic activities and found a new role as front row soprano in the First Joy Choir.

Lila is survived by her children – Kathryn Eubanks Rivenbark (Ted), Melissa Eubanks Lamb (Austin), grandchildren Marcia Landrum, Linzy Foster (Matt), Martin Dewey Rivenbark, Kristin Marsh Hall (Aaron) and Stephen Marsh (Jessica), as well as seven great grandchildren – McKenzie and Ryder Landrum, Hayden and Eubanks Foster, Sara Hall, Angel and Colby Marsh. A host of nieces and nephews cherish her memory. Her parents – Alfred and Gladys Turner, sisters Alfreda T. Smith and Jerry T. Morrow, and grandchild Jonathan David Marsh, predeceased her.

A celebration of Lila's life will take place 11:00 AM, Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at Tallahassee First Baptist Church. A reception will follow the service in the welcome center at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to First Baptist Church of Tallahassee or Big Bend Hospice. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Eubanks family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church
108 W. College Ave.
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lila Turner Eubanks*



Bevis Funeral Home - January 28, 2018 at 12:06 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Bevis Funeral Home - January 30, 2018 at 02:13 PM



“ *Newton Walden purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Lila Turner Eubanks.*



Newton Walden - January 29, 2018 at 03:47 PM

SJ

“ My sincere condolences for your loss. May the Bible’s beautiful words at Isaiah 33:24 bring you comfort. 24 And no resident will say: “I am sick.”The people dwelling in the land will be pardoned for their error. How wonderful the day will all sickness, old age and death will be no more.

Sckerra J - January 29, 2018 at 12:18 PM

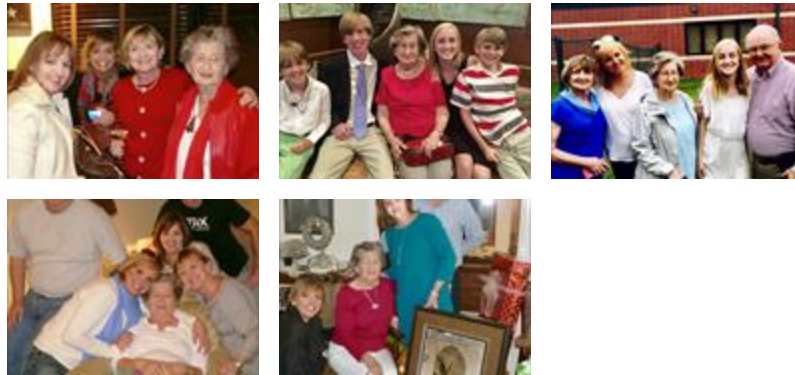
MF

“ Mrs. Eubanks will always be a bright light in my memory. At the age of four, I lost my own mother and remember vividly going over to the Eubanks house and being cared for while our own family grieved. She was a kind, strong woman and I was grateful that she was there for me at such a tender age when I needed comfort.

Melanie Cramer Fuller - January 28, 2018 at 02:27 PM

KR

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Kathy Rivenbark - January 28, 2018 at 08:08 AM

GM

So sorry to hear about your Mother, we do have so many memories from years past she was a wonderful classy lady! My heart ❤️ goes out to you two girls and the rest of the family.

Glinda Walden Morrison - January 28, 2018 at 11:54 AM

LH

“ *Ms. Lila was such a remarkable lady. No matter what she was going through she was always upbeat. I will treasure the memories as I know all of you will too. I'm praying for God's comfort for all the family.*

Linda Haines

Linda Haines - January 27, 2018 at 08:05 PM

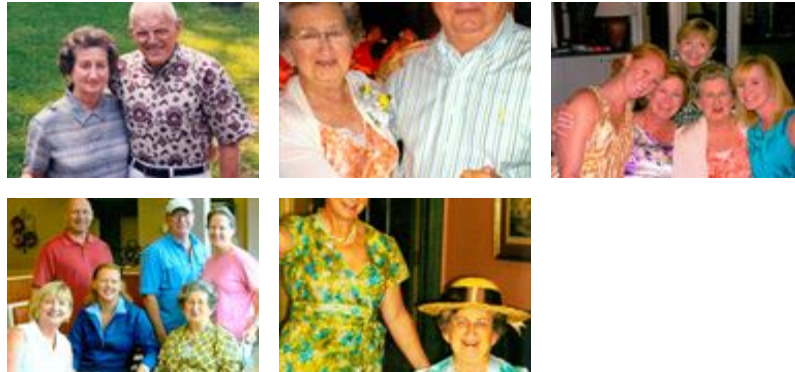
KR

Thank you so much, Linda. As you know, she depended on you and trusted you completely to take care of everything at the Lake for her. Your kind words and reaching out mean a great deal to us all. Kathy.

Kathy Rivenbark - January 28, 2018 at 07:04 AM

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Bevis Funeral Home - January 27, 2018 at 05:18 PM