



Willie Barger Gates

May 29, 1922 - January 12, 2016

Willie Morrison Barger Gates, 93, of Mooresville, passed away on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at Gordon Hospice House in Statesville. She was born on May 29, 1922 in Mooresville, to the late John Vastine and Bessie Flowers Barger. Mrs. Gates was a graduate of Mooresville Central High School and later attended Lenoir Rhyne College. She then graduated from Meredith College in 1943. Upon graduation, she was one of three chosen as a mathematician to work at Langley Field at what was the precursor to NASA. Mrs. Gates was a retired Math teacher from the Mooresville Graded School District. She was a member of Central United Methodist Church in Mooresville, where she was a member of the choir, Anita Stewart Circle, Joy Group, Upper Room Sunday School class, and was president of United Methodist Women. Mrs. Gates was a member of the Mooresville Cotillion Club and the Town of Mooresville Beautification Committee. She was a winner on the National Syndicated TV program The Price is Right in 1961. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Brooks Gates, Sr.; sisters, Mildred B. Sherrill, Lois B. Curran; brother, John V. Barger, Jr.; and great grandson, Joshua James Gates. She is survived by her children, Ann Gates Newsome and husband, Troy of Tampa, FL, Charles B. Gates, Jr. and wife, Patsy of Houston, TX, Jane Gates Bradley and husband, Rob of Greensboro, Robert H. Gates and wife, Denise of Mooresville; grandchildren, Caroline Newsome Stringer and husband, Mike, David Newsome, James and Richard Gates, Robert and Rachel Bradley, Daniel,

Matt, Rebecca and Mackenzie Gates, Marshall and Emily Horsman; and great grandchildren, Sloane and Eames Stringer, Ava and Asher Gates. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, January 20 at Central United Methodist Church with Rev. Randy Sherrill officiating. This is the 36th anniversary of the death of her beloved Charlie. Burial will follow the service at Glenwood Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 6:00-8:00 PM at Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, 214 N Academy St, Mooresville, NC 28115 or Gordon Hospice House, 2341 Simonton Rd, Statesville, NC 28625.

Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Barger Gates*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Willie Barger Gates*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Willie Barger Gates*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Dear Family, The planning for Willie was done with such love and care. It made her visitation and celebration of life so very comfortable for us all. I miss traveling around locally, to Birkdale and Northlake Mall with her but I am so grateful to have had her as a close friend. Love you all, Ginnie*

Virginia Risenhoover - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ When my family and I came to Mooresville in 1993, Willie was one of the 1st people I met. We were in an exercise class at Central Methodist church. It was a small group and I was a good bit younger than the other ladies so they all became my mentors as we shared our lives after working on our physical health. Willie and the other ladies helped me through those first lonely years trying to make friends in a new small town. I always seemed to run into her at Jeffery's after we ended up at another church. She seemed to never age and I admired how active she stayed. May your many memories of her fill your days ahead with warmth and pride.

Angela Hedgepeth - January 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ Dear Jane, so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was always one of my favorite and best teachers. I can still remember sitting in her class in the old junior high. I know you all made her very proud. What a fine lady she was!

Harriet Dishman Clark - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss. Mrs. Gates was my favorite math teacher!! She truly cared and wanted her students to learn. She gave us her phone number if we needed help with our homework. There were many nights in 1983 I would call her and she would help me with my homework. I had the pleasure of running into her at the nail salon a while back and we reminisced about those times. She touched so many lives and I am grateful for her kindness and love she had for her students! I will remember you all in my thoughts and prayers.

January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bob* Want you to know that you and your entire family have been in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. *Bill & Phyllis McKinnell*

January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Willie. What a good long life she enjoyed. Many cannot say the same. She was one of those especially strong. Ps. 90:10*

January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Anne, Chuck, Jane, and Bobby, Janielle and I will not be able to come to either of your mother's functions concerning her funeral. However, we wanted you to know that we are thinking about you during this time. (Janielle and I surely did enjoy her 90th birthday party!!) It is hard to believe that three years have gone by. Oh, Mrs. Gates was such a wonderful person, fellow-teacher, and friend. Janielle and I enjoyed teaching you (Jane and Bobby); Janielle enjoyed teaching with your mother at Junior High. Those were the days! Take care; we love you all. As the French say, "Que Dieu vous bénisse!" Love, Roy (Monsieur) and Janielle Watkins*

Roy Watkins - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *She was one of my favorite teachers, even though she gave me a D in Algebra. Mrs. Gates will be missed by many.*

Chris Montgomery - January 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dear Jane and Bob, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Your Mom was a wonderful lady and she had a positive influence on so many young lives in Mooresville. May God comfort you all and give you peace. Sincerely,

Diane Thompson Church - January 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Jane & Rob - We are sorry for your loss. It is never easy. I also remember your dad Charlie from years ago. Know our prayers are with you. Pennie. & Dick Martin, Salisbury

January 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Bobby & family Just sending our love and prayers at this time for your loss. May God give you peace and comfort. Beverly, Leslie, Chick and Chuck Pless-Haire Ins

January 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ Jane and family, Jane I went to school with you and your mother was one of my teachers. She was such a sweet lady. My prayers are with you .

Lori Creswell Underwood - January 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ So sorry about Willie. My thoughts and prayers are with you all

Arby Brannon - January 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM