



Jean K. Gatlin

March 14, 2015

Obituary of Jean Gatlin

Jean Keaton Gatlin died Saturday the 14th of March following a short illness. Mrs. Gatlin, the widow of the late Dr. G. Ervin Gatlin, was a long term resident of Leesburg and an active member of First Baptist Church. Mrs. Gatlin was born in Georgia as Betty Jean Keaton, and, with her family, lived in several Florida cities; she graduated from Leon High School in Tallahassee. She married and the Gatlins lived in Tallahassee where she worked in a Real Estate office until Dr. Gatlin was offered a position at the new Lake Sumter Junior College in 1965. She worked in clerical positions before becoming a long term employee of the First Federal Savings and Loan. In 1974 she took a position in the student counseling office at Lake Sumter where she was known to a generation of students as the lady who helped them fix their schedules. The last few years of her employment at Lake Sumter Community College were in personnel, acting as Director of Personnel prior to her retirement in 1994. Mrs. Gatlin is survived by her daughter, Margaret Gatlin Smith, and grandson, Darion C. Smith, of Gaithersburg Maryland; and two brothers, W. B. Keaton, Simpsonville, South Carolina, and John Keaton, Tallahassee, Florida. Family memorial and interment will take place in Tallahassee at a later date. Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com. Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg, FL.

Tribute Wall

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“ We were sorry to learn that Jean recently passed away. Our sympathies go to the family who can continue to cherish a lifetime of good memories from both Jean and Erv. As a former president of Lake Sumter Community College I had the benefit of associating and working with these fine professionals. Jean was a reliable and creative individual who mastered any task that she undertook on behalf of the college. She was also endowed with an entrepreneurial spirit that gave her an edge among peers. To that end she was ahead of her time and the college benefited from her service--especially for students. May Jean join Erv in everlasting peace. Bob & Pat Palinchak, Mt. Dora, FL

Robert Palinchak - March 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ So many sweet memories. So much to miss. So much to look forward to when we meet again. Jean is precious to us. Her life, well lived. She leaves me a glorious example. And you remind me of her, too, Margaret. You are like her, cheerful, funny, kind. I know you must miss her very much. May God's grace be greater than you can ask and think. You are in my thoughts when I see purple and white. And how joyful she must be with your dad, seeing heavens secrets.

Daun - March 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jean K. Gatlin*

March 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM