



Betty Newberry Sawyer

April 30, 2009

SAWYER, BETTY NEWBERRY, 80, of Plant City went home to be with the Lord on Thursday April 30, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Tom Y. Sawyer, Sr., and by their daughter, Genia Sawyer. She is survived by her four children, Tom, Jr. (Melanie) of Grand Junction, Colo., Sue Anne Pinson (Elliot) of Oak Grove, KY., Gary Sawyer (Cathy) of Plant City, and Steve Sawyer of Plant City; brother, Ike Newberry, Jr. (Shelby) of Arlington, GA.; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Betty Newberry was born in Arlington, GA. On May 25, 1928. She graduated from the University of Georgia in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in education majoring in Library Science. After marrying her high school sweetheart, Tom Sawyer, the family lived in Jacksonville, FL. and Wilmington, N.C. before moving to Gainesville, FL. where Tom completed his law degree at the University of Florida. The family moved to Plant City in 1962. Betty was very devoted to her friends and family who called her "Mama Honey". She supported many civic activities and was for many years a Sunday School teacher at the First Baptist Church of Plant City. The family will receive friends for visitation, Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at Hopewell Funeral Home 6 - 8 pm. Memorial services will be held at 10:00 am Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at the First Baptist Church of Plant City, with Dr. Ron Churchill officiating. Interment will follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens in Plant City. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to LifePath Hospice and Palliative Care, 12973 Telecom Parkway, Suite 100, Temple Terrace, FL. 33637, or the

Bruton Memorial Library, 302 McLendon Street, Plant City, FL. 33563-3212.

Tribute Wall



“ We were so sorry to hear about Betty. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. Love, Maggie and family##imported-begin##Maggie Newberry and family##imported-end##

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