



Bliss Mangum Bates

January 24, 1921 - May 6, 2014

Services for Bliss Mangum Bates, 93, of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014, at 2:00 PM at St. Francis Episcopal Church with The Rev. Mitch Tollett officiating.

Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bates passed away Tuesday, May 6, 2014 in Tyler. She was born January 24, 1921 in Houston, Texas to Thomas Milton Mangum and Annie Corine Meece Mangum.

Bliss was a member of St. Francis Episcopal Church where, until losing her hearing, she was a faithful member of the choir. Bliss was an avid gardener and enjoyed sharing plants and cuttings with friends. She was also a talented artist who created many beautiful oil paintings. In her later years, she enjoyed reading and collecting and cataloging her vast collection of books.

Bliss began her career as a bookkeeper and continued working in various capacities into her fifties when she and her husband, Bill moved to Dallas. They moved to Tyler in 1987 to be close to their only child.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Charles and Tommy Mangum, and her husband of 72 years, William Ray "Bill" Bates.

Bliss is survived by her loving family including her daughter, Laurie Bates Barham and her husband Michael of Tyler; grandchild, Melissa Schmoldt and her husband, Cary, and their children, Lucien Cary, Eden Grace and Ava Schmoldt of Frisco.

Visitation is scheduled from 1:00 to 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to St. Francis Episcopal Church, 3232 Jan Ave, Tyler, TX 75701 or The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75701.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Service

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