

Elizabeth "Libby" Breedlove Kitchens

Elizabeth "Libby" Breedlove Kitchens, 90, died peacefully on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009 at Liberty Commons in Wilmington, N.C., with family.

Libby, daughter of Mattie Estes Breedlove and Thomas Richard Breedlove, was born on April 13, 1919, the second of eight children born at home on their dairy farm in Monroe. She married Alton Walter Kitchens, of Atlanta, in 1941. "Al's" long career with F W Dodge/McGraw-Hill led them to live in Columbia, S.C., Jacksonville, Fla., Birmingham, Ala., Dallas, Texas, Atlanta and finally Greenwich, Conn. From there, Al commuted to New York, where he served as president. Upon retiring in 1977, they moved to St. Simon's Island where they lived for 17 years before moving to Wilmington, N.C., in 1994.

Libby's love of life, family and friends filled her life with joy. Through bridge, golf, painting, needlework, traveling and church involvement, her days were full of love, laughter and fun. She was a role model and inspiration to many people. She will be missed by many of all ages and all walks of life.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, the late Alton Walter Kitchens; three brothers, the late Thomas Richard Breedlove Jr., the late William Luther Breedlove and the late James Iverson Breedlove.

She is survived by her brother, Preston Montgomery Breedlove, and wife Paula; three sisters, Hassie B. Lee, Sara B. Verner and Ella B. Adams and husband Floyd; and a multitude of nieces and nephews. She is survived by her son, Dr. Thomas Russell Kitchens, and wife Deborah; her daughter, Janis Kitchens Sass, and husband Rolf; her grandson, Benedict Christoph Sass; her step-grandchildren, Anne Borst Partin and husband Drew, Justin Borst and wife Angie, Alexandra Sass and Nikolai Sass; and three step-great-grandchildren, Liam Partin, Laura Partin and Jason Borst.

Visitation will be Monday from 4 to 6 pm and Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at Meadows Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the chapel of Meadows Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Rest Haven Cemetery.

Meadows Funeral Home Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

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