



Melva "Lataine" Kirkland Bowen

April 8, 1944 - May 4, 2025

Mrs. Melva "Lataine" Kirkland Bowen, age 81, of Douglas, Georgia, passed away early Sunday morning, May 4, 2025 at Coffee Regional Medical Center following a period of declining health.

Lataine was born on April 8, 1944 in Douglas, Georgia to the late Talley Kirkland and the late Thelma Teston Kirkland. She worked for a number of years in retail sales at BC Moores in Douglas, Georgia and she ran the Girl Scouts in Nicholls, Georgia. She was of the Holiness Baptist faith.

Along with her parents, Lataine was preceded in death by a son, Randall Bowen, and a grandchild, Shane Bowen.

Lataine is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, Calvin Clayton Bowen; 3 children: Deanna Register (Kenneth), Tammy Kirkland (Harry Courson), Mark Bowen (Michelle); 6 grandchildren: Nathan Register, Kenneth Register, Matthew Bowen, Kyle Bowen, Scotti Scarborough, Kaleigh Bowen; 9 great-grandchildren: Mahaley Bowen, Dink Bowen, Sailor Scarborough, Sullivan Scarborough, Clayton Bowen, Elena Register, Madalyn Register, Kinsley Register, Brantley Bowen; 2 siblings: Dianne McDaniel and Ruth Godley; along with a number of extended family members.

Memorialization will be by cremation and no service is scheduled at this time.

Condolences, kind words, and fond memories may be shared with Lataine's family at www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com.

Lataine's arrangements have been entrusted to the kind and compassionate staff of Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc.

Tribute Wall

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“ As I spent lots of time on the farm of my Russ Grandparents near where she lived....I didn't really know her name was Lataine....we always called her 'Sis'. ❤️ Later I learned she actually had a 'real name'. *Debbi (Vickers) Sutton*

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