



## Latane Breland Alford

May 13, 1922 - June 23, 2008

MARY LATANE BRELAND ALFORD, age 86

and a resident of Mt. Hermon died at 12:50 PM Monday at Riverside Medical Center.

She was an active member of the Bogue Chitto Baptist Church where she provided the floral arrangements and served in many positions for over 30 years. Known as the “Flower Lady of Washington Parish”, she was active in many local and state garden clubs including the Home and Garden Club of Franklinton and the Washington Parish Garden Club Council. She was a charter member of the Mt. Hermon Garden Club and also a member of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation and served on District VI Garden Club Council and the District VI Judges Council and the National Council of Garden Club Federation Inc. (Deep South Region). An active grower of camellias, she was a member of the American Camellia Society and a camellia bearing her name “Mary Latane” is registered with the society. She was honored to be named into the “Circle of Roses” by the La. Garden Club Federation. Mrs. Alford was a former bus driver and substitute teacher for the Mt. Hermon School and an employee in the floral department at Winn Dixie in Franklinton. Survived by: 2 daughters and a son in law: Rosamond McCoy of Natchitoches Janet Smith Wooley and Wayne Wooley of Gautier, MS Son and daughter in law: Paul Donough, Jr. and Brenda Alford of Mt. Hermon Grandchildren and spouses: Michelle McCoy and Meade Monger Paula Alford and Ron Estrade Brigit Alford and Michael Sevin Great grandchildren: Natalie, Kate and Rachel

Monger and Grace Estrade 2 Brothers: Cecil Breland Norman Breland both of Baton Rouge Sister: Bettie Alford of Baton Rouge She was preceded in death by her husband Paul Donough Alford, Sr.; grandson Kenneth D. McCoy III; brothers Bill, James and Cedrick Breland; sisters Janelle Schilling, Elouise Houston, Ann Traigle and Lynda Barnett; sons in law Kenneth D. McCoy Jr. and James Luther Smith. Visitation at Crain Funeral Home from 6 PM until 8 PM Wednesday. Visiting will continue after 10 AM Thursday at Bogue Chitto Baptist Church until time for the funeral service at 11 AM with Rev. Joe Wiggins officiating. Burial in the church cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ Dear family, My heart goes out to you in the loss of this lovely lady. I have known Latane for so many years and I feel her loss deeply. There was literally nothing she could not do if she set her mind to it - - and do it well. She leaves a legacy for the community and for her family. She was quite a lady! Please know that I am praying for you all. Bob Ann Breland

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**Bob Ann Breland** - July 05, 2008 at 07:45 PM

SC

“ Ms. Latane, was a very special lady she served our God till he called her home to rest in his arms. She will be forever missed her smile and love always showed.

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**Sharon Corkern** - July 02, 2008 at 08:07 AM

CB

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of a fine lady everyone loved. Carey and Manette Bateman

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**Carey Bateman** - June 26, 2008 at 06:47 PM

MZ

“ Latane Breland Alford

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**Michelle Zenner** - June 26, 2008 at 06:30 PM

CP

“ *Lataine's late husband and I are first cousins. My memory of her are that of a beautiful lady, in early and later years. She, her flowers, many talents and devout life will be natural to the place of her heavenly home. Blessings on her quality family.*

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**Chaplain Gary E. Penton** - June 26, 2008 at 05:57 PM

BJ

“ *Please except my deepest condolences. Mrs. Latane and I worked together many years ago at the West Bros. store and she was truly one of the kindest ladies I ever met. Bless her, she attempted to "teach" this "brown thumb" person how to grow beautiful flowers! She even invited me to her house for the lessons. Mr. Donough laughed and laughed at me,, she was truly teaching me the basic "roots". May God Bless and Comfort you all I my prayer.*

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**Betty Jones** - June 26, 2008 at 08:00 AM

FC

“ *Of all the people I have ever known, I can think of none who constantly found their niche in life and filled it with more zeal and love. As mother, room mother, bus driver, care-giving wife, flower lady, and independent senior she had a flair that can only be described as class! "Well done thou good and faithful servant." Mr. Finley*

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**Finley Corkern** - June 25, 2008 at 06:27 PM

WK

“ *Mrs. Latane came in our store at Babington's frequently and always admired beautiful things. She was beautiful and talented and I know will be missed by all. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Wayne & Sallie Babington Knight** - June 25, 2008 at 06:09 PM

BR

“ *Mrs Latane was a beautiful lady who always had a smile. She will be greatly missed and was loved by all.*

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**Barbara Riley** - June 25, 2008 at 01:17 PM

KB

“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was very dear to me and I thought alot about her. She and Mr. Donough was my bus drivers all thru school. She will be greatly missed.*

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**Kim Riley Barber** - June 25, 2008 at 11:18 AM