

Anne Powell (Berryman) Bates

October 1, 1930 - September 15, 2018

Anne Powell (Berryman) Bates, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed through physical death into glory on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018 in Fredericksburg.

Born Oct. 1, 1930 in Little Rock, Arkansas, she was preceded in death by her parents, Stuart R. Berryman, Jr. and Annie Powell Thomas Berryman.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 66 years, Fred L. Bates, Jr. of Kerrville; son, Daniel L. Bates and wife, Shelli, of Fort Worth; daughter, Pamela Anne Rush and husband, Ralph, of Ruidoso, New Mexico; son, L. Brent Bates and wife, Margaret, of Kerrville; and son, Reverend Stuart Bates with wife, Lisa, of Houston.

Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, Whitney Bates Johnson and husband, Dax; Faith Bates Pallone and husband, Dr. Joe Pallone; Danny Bates; Matthew Albrecht; Haley Rush and husband, Daniel Voytyuk; Ryder Beadle; Effie Bates; Olivia Bates; Alexandra Bates; Georgia Bates and Samantha Bates. She has four great-grandchildren, Gianna Pallone; Gabriella Pallone; Dax Johnson II and Mila Rush.

After raising four children, she was very involved in the lives of her grandchildren. She considered her faithful service to her family, and especially her grandchildren, her greatest joy and her earthly life's most important ministry.

Anne graduated from El Dorado High School in 1948. She attended Texas Women's College and Arkansas State University. She married Fred on Feb. 23, 1952 in North Little Rock, Arkansas. She faithfully supported Fred in his first 30-year career with Eli Lilly & Company, resulting in moving to numerous different cities.

She and Fred were called to full-time ministry as Fred pastored Fredericksburg Bible Church for 18 years and then Bible Church of the Lakes in Marble Falls for 12 years.

Anne's service also included PTA President, Garden Club President, Avion Group, Band Booster Club, Cub Scout Den Mother, Girl Scout Troup Leader, and Bible Study Leader.

Affectionately known as "Mimi," she was one of a kind. Mimi was the matriarch, back bone and glue of the Bates clan. The "Meems" built innumerable great memories for her family, including starting the no-bake cookie craze, taking the grandkids on RV trips, hosting countless family reunions, and cousin sleepovers on the backyard trampoline. Easter holidays were always special. After worship, there were egg hunts, bunny cakes, eating lots of Peeps, kite flying, and plays performed by the kids.

Most importantly, she showed unconditional love, grace and mercy as she modeled life as a Godly woman. She brought the gospel to each of her children and grandchildren as well as to all her extended church family. As a committed follower of Jesus Christ, Anne is face to face with her Lord.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Fredericksburg Bible Church with graveside services and interment following at 4 p.m. at Greenwood Cemetery.

Visitation was held Friday, Sept. 28, from 5-7 p.m. at Schaetter Funeral Home in Fredericksburg.

Those who so desire may make memorial contributions to Fredericksburg Bible Church.

Arrangements were under the direction of Schaetter Funeral Home of Fredericksburg.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent at www.schaetter.com.

