



## Mary Emma Nance

June 19, 1922 - January 21, 2005

Mary Emma (Vaughan) Nance Mary Emma (Vaughan) Nance, 82, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on January 19, 2005. Her courage and determination during her battle with cancer was an inspiration. Mary was born on June 19, 1922 in Adams, Mississippi and grew up in Vina and Altoona, Alabama where her father was a Baptist minister. She and her husband of 56 years, Dr. John A. Nance, moved to Huntsville in 1951 where Dr. Nance began his professorship in the Animal Science department of Sam Houston State University. Mary and her husband were very active members of the First Baptist Church for over 53 years. Mrs. Nance is preceded in death by her loving husband, Dr. John A. Nance, her son, Rodney Vaughan Nance, her parents and her brothers, Joel Vaughan, Andy Vaughan, and James Vaughan. She is survived by her two daughters, Janet Grillo of Rosenberg, Texas and Sharla Papitto of Houston, Texas; grandchildren Jennifer Grillo, John Rodney Grillo, Nicholas Papitto, Anthony Papitto and great-granddaughter Peyton Grillo McLain. Mary is also survived by her sister, Sarah Vaughan Smith of Decatur, GA and many other family and friends. Funeral services for Mary Emma Vaughan Nance will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 22, 2005 with the Rev. Carrol Williams officiating. Visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday January 21, 2005 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, located at 1700 Normal Park. Memorial donations may be sent to First Baptist Church of Huntsville for their music fund.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Emma Nance*

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“ *Dear Sharla,  
I was so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. I know that you will have wonderful memories of her and what a happy person she was. I very fondly remember her always smiling and laughing when I would visit my Mother's sunday school class at First Baptist. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time.  
Yours in Christ,  
Janet Leeper George*

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**Janet Harrison George** - January 21, 2005 at 11:20 AM