



Helen Maxine Pate

April 26, 1934 - November 25, 2008

PATE-Helen Maxine Pate, age 74, died peacefully at her home in Loganville, GA, Tuesday night November 25, 2008. She left behind her husband & love of her life of 56 years, Glenn Pate. Sons: Robert Pate & Ronnie Pate; Daughter & Son-in-law: Donna & Dennis Dickens; Son & Daughter-in-law: Randy & Julie Pate; Daughter & Son-in-law: Bonnie & Eddie Rush; Granddaughters: Danielle Dickens, Traci Pate, Dawn Pate & Amber Pate; Grandsons: Donny Vaughn & Randall Pate; Great Granddaughter: Annabella Grace; Sisters: Faye Carraway, Nell Kane, Betty Gafnea & Deb Gafnea; Brothers: Larry Gafnea, Rick Gafnea & Mickey Gafnea; Many Aunts, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews, Friends & her sweet little Pug, Fannie. With the help of her family & her close friend Dale D. Sikes, she struggled to deal with life after a stroke in January 2008. She was so precious & was such a special gift to this world. She will be so greatly missed by all who knew & loved her. May we all find comfort in knowing the Lord was listening when she prayed through her pain "Lord please take me home." Her body was cremated. A celebration of her life will be held in Vance, Alabama at the graveside of her Mother, Geneva, Father, John & Brother, Billy Gafnea. In lieu of flowers those desiring may send donations in her honor to the DeKalb Stroke Club, 1660 Spruce Valley Drive, Decatur, GA 30033. The DeKalb Stroke Club has been a wonderful source of support to stroke survivors & care givers for 31 years. With the encouragement of its many members & visitors, Maxine was able to attend monthly meetings & face her many fears with laughter, guidance & the

overwhelming comfort of knowing that she was not alone. Maxine was always a giver. Donations in honor would bring her great joy to know that she was able to continue giving even in the end. Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA 30052, 770-466-1544. Please sign online guest registry @ www.stewartfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Maxine Pate*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Merry Christmas Mama and thank you so much for all of the beautiful rainbows you sent us this year. I miss you every single day Mama in my physical world but feel your presence every single day in my spiritual world. I will never forget how much you love me. You bring me peace and comfort every day and night. You are still a precious Mama to me and I value every moment we spent together as Mother and Daughter.##imported-begin##Bonnie Rush##imported-end##*

December 26, 2013 at 02:24 AM



“ *Happy birthday Mama, I miss you so much.##imported-begin##Donna dickens##imported-end##*

April 26, 2012 at 08:59 AM



“ *My Dear Sweet Big Sis,
Soon it will be a year since you left us.
My word's cannot begin to express how much I miss you.
Your voice, Your laugh, The hope you had of getting well. and how no matter what you were suffering thru
you still had sweet words to share and give to me.
Thank you for loving me.
I was truly Blessed to have you for a Sister.##imported-begin##Deb Gafnea##imported-end##*

November 22, 2009 at 07:02 PM



“ Merry CHRISTmas Mama. How jealous we all should be, you are getting to celebrate with JESUS on his Birthday! What a wonderful blessing for all of us knowing you are feeling absolute Joy. We all know you are looking down on us from Heaven and wishing us a wonderful wonderful special day and life ahead full of surprises.
With Love,
Your Loving Family##imported-begin##Bonnie##imported-end##

December 25, 2008 at 10:04 AM



“ Hello my precious aunt,
I just wanted to say hello and i love you with all my heart. I also want to thank you Mac for just always being you.
Growing up and having you in my life sure made things better. I remember that no matter what the circumstances or what type of mistake i made you always had your arms open and made sure i felt love. You never judged me or came down on me and i know in my soul that your a big part of who i am today.
I am going to miss you so much but I know when my time comes to go home you will be there with your loving arms wide open. Until then my sweet sweet aunt.##imported-begin##kellie##imported-end##

December 24, 2008 at 09:48 PM



“ Dearest Maxine,

Thank you so much for including me in your circle of love. I was fortunate enough to share the twinkle in your eye, your sweet smile, and the warmth of your hugs. Living so far away I didn't get to see you often enough, but anytime I did you made me feel like I'd always been there and that I could stay forever. Your willingness to drive my mother from Georgia to Alabama when Mickey and I got married allowed her to share that special time with me. Your gesture was greatly appreciated and never forgotten. Your finding a friendship together after that was a gift to her, and after she passed, the day you showed me the items of hers that you had saved during that friendship was a gift to me. Although my heart feels the loss of your presence, my mind tells it that you are alright, and that you are safe in God's hands and in the love of your parents and your brother already in Heaven. My sincere wishes for peace and comfort go out to your precious and loving family, one that I am blessed to be a part of. Love, Lorraine##imported-begin##Lorraine Gafnea##imported-end##

December 22, 2008 at 01:22 AM



“ *To Those I Love and Those
Who Love Me*

*When I am gone, release me, Let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You musn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.*

*I gave you my love, You can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown But now it's time I
traveled on alone.*

*So grieve a while for me if you must.
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part.
So bless the memories within your heart.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you cannot see or touch me,
I will be near and if you listen with
your heart, you will hear.
All of my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way along. I will greet you with
a smile
And Welcome You Home.*

*May this poem found in Maxine's belongings bring you as much
peace in your hearts as it has brought to my heart. With Love,
Glenn##imported-begin##Glenn Pate##imported-end##*

December 14, 2008 at 08:29 PM



“ my dearest aunt mac,you are so wonderful I will never forget you,your love or all the encouraging words and all the laughter we shared,thank you.One day we will dance again,but for now,may you dance with Jesus.You were always like a second mother to me.You have a great heart and an awesome spirit which you shared and blessed us with for years and now you can share it with others. you will be missed by many.
nothing but the blues.....I LOVE YOU##imported-begin##kerry d.##imported-end##

December 14, 2008 at 11:21 AM



“ I was very blessed to have Maxine for my wife for 57 years. She gave me five beautiful children and I loved her very much and will miss her so very much.

I know she is in Heaven smiling down on me and saying "Just Remember How Much I Love You" And Will See You In Heaven.

Much Love To You My Darling Mac##imported-begin##Glenn Pate##imported-end##

December 11, 2008 at 09:08 AM



“ *"Hey Son" the beautiful sound I would hear when calling you to say Hey little girl:
"Hey son" You must have known the void I felt when Mama had to go.
As the oldest of us, you leave seven brothers and sisters with wonderful memories of your love, humor, breakfast, dinners, occasional burst of frustrations and the laughter, you loved to hear, to make and to share.
Gafnea / Pate get together will never be as before but I know you will be observing from above the grief among the laughter. Thank you my darling sis for your love, forgiveness and understanding and in the tradition of the music and blues you loved so much;
Further on down the road, little girl you will accompany me.
Love forever and always your big little brother and "son"
Rickey###imported-begin###rick Gafnea###imported-end##*

December 06, 2008 at 12:23 AM



“ *Beloved Maxine, may you rest in peace now with your loved ones at your side. Well deserved. Your warm welcome into the Gafnea family will forever be remembered and cherished. You are in Gods hands now. Love Linda###imported-begin###Arlinda Gafnea-Goodrich###imported-end##*

December 04, 2008 at 05:48 PM



“ *Dear Aunt Mac, I will never forget the wonderful times at your house growing up as a kid. The little things like learning how to water ski at the lake and vacationing in Florida with our families will never be forgotten. Love, Cary###imported-begin###Cary Knutson###imported-end##*

December 04, 2008 at 08:16 AM



“ I will miss you dearly and will cherish all the memories of you in my heart. You were such a great aunt to me and you always made me smile. As you always said to me, Love you darlin'.##imported-begin##Barbara Pate##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 09:04 AM



“ SIS, YOU KNOW HOW I HATED SAYING GOOD BYE,I WILL ONLY SAY HERE HOW MUCH I LOVED YOU. LOVE YOU BETTY LOU##imported-begin##BETTY GAFNEA##imported-end##

December 02, 2008 at 07:58 PM



“ Sorry about Maxine.##imported-begin##PEGGY THOMAS##imported-end##

December 02, 2008 at 11:33 AM



“ To the family: Tom & Judi are good friends of Donna, Dennis & Danielle & Annabella- We visited with Mac and Glenn at Rosebud Store when looking for treasures - We extend our wishes of sympathy to the entire family - The upcoming holiday will give you the opportunity to gather and share stories, laugh, cry and be thankful for having such a great Mom. We will remember her in our prayers. Tom & Judi Henderson##imported-begin##Tom & Judi Henderson##imported-end##

December 02, 2008 at 08:34 AM



“ You are greatly loved and will be dearly missed. I'll cherish memories of our time together always. Until we meet again in the hereafter. I Love You Mamaw.##imported-begin##Donny Vaughn##imported-end##

December 02, 2008 at 07:36 AM



“ "Just remember how much I love you."##imported-begin##Traci Pate##imported-end##

December 01, 2008 at 07:53 PM



“ Oh Memmaw, where to begin? You have brought such absolute joy to my life. You were the only grandmother I have ever known, and you will always be deeply cherished. It seemed you were the center universe for our family. Your love radiated off of you, in everything you ever did. If ever anyone needed or wanted anything, you did everything in your power to give what you could. I have learned so much from you. Your strength and determination were immeasurable. You have taught me what true love is. Your relationship with Pawpaw is one that I hope to have one day. It truly was fate that brought you two together, two soul mates. I'll never forget the story of you as a teenager and spotting pawpaw across the football field and saying "im gonna marry that man one day." You always told such wonderful stories, all seemed to be filled with laughter. You were such a joy to be with, always ensuring that no matter what it was, fun could be had. I'll always cherish the summers I spent in Alabama with you and pawpaw...Me and Traci, Dawn, and Amber always putting on plays, and riding in the back of the old pick up truck, having our own parade, waving flags...or that Christmas when you picked me and Donny up and we went to cut down a Christmas tree, and you had me and Donny walk down the road holding hands to distract the passerbys while you chopped at a tree on government property, such fun we had.. or even the time you woke me up at 4am (the earliest I ever remembered being up) and we picked up Geraldine and went and picked peas in that huge field...or the times when you lived on Verdi way and you had collected what seemed like hundreds of jewels (costume jewelry) and put them in a chest for us kids to pretend it was our own special treasure...you always inspired us to use our imagination to the fullest. There was never a dull moment with my memmaw. So many memories I will always have, filled with such laughter and joy. I can only hope to give Bella the wonderful times in life that you have given me. Im am just so thankful that she was able to know you, and know how much she was loved by you. I miss you memmaw. I miss your beautiful smile and bright blue eyes...but I see those same blue eyes when I look at Bella, my little doll. I will always tell her of her great memmaw, and share with her all the wonderful stories like you

always shared with me. I know you're always smiling down on me and all that I do. I am so blessed to have had you in my life, and I cannot wait to feel your embrace again. I love you memmaw, Always will, your "darlin baby, angel baby girl" Danielle##imported-begin##Danielle##imported-end##

December 01, 2008 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dearest Maxine, There are no words to say that can express my happiness and love for you. Through you, God answered our deepest prayers. Forty four years ago, you and Hazel Davenport, along with Faye gave us our precious daughter. I am so thankful that Missy found you and got to know you. She has cherished you and her family for many years now. She said not to long ago that she felt it an honor that her sisters said she was so much like you. It is amazing that Jesus Christ through His Father gave Missy the chance to know you and have two families that love her. We love Faye and welcome her with open arms into our hearts and lives along with the rest of the gang. You are the blessed one now. Go in peace and love my dear friend and know that we will meet again. Dance with Jesus. You don't have to imagine anymore: what did you do when you came face to face with Him? Did you dance? I hope so!!! We love you, Charlie and Ann##imported-begin##Charlie and Ann Crowder##imported-end##*

December 01, 2008 at 04:01 PM



“ *My Dearest Aunt Mac, I will miss you as will Hiatt, Kate and Corey. You said to me the last time I saw you "Tim, always remember that your family comes first and they will love you when you can't love yourself".*

I have so many precious memories of you, especially of you laughing. I will remember all of the stories that you told me through the years.

I read a poem the other day and I thought of you - it was relating to what we had talked about earlier this summer.

A poem from Hafiz:

*Now is the time to know
That all that you do is sacred.
Now, why not consider
A lasting truce with yourself and God.*

*Now is the time to understand
That all your ideas of right and wrong
Were just a child's training wheels
To be laid aside
When you finally live
With veracity and love.*

*My dear, please tell me,
Why do you still
Throw sticks at your heart
And God?*

*What is it in that sweet voice inside
That incites you to fear?
Now is the time for the world to know
That every thought and action is sacred.*

*This is the time for you to compute the impossibility
That there is anything
But Grace.*

*Now is the season to know
That everything you do
Is sacred.*

I will see you again on the Spirit Trail - I love you forever...

Mitakuye Oyasin,

Timmy###imported-begin##Tim Gafnea###imported-end##

December 01, 2008 at 03:10 PM



“ *I like to think that the stars are actually openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through to shine down upon us to let us know they are happy. Mama I love you so very much,
Donna###imported-begin##Donna ##imported-end##*

December 01, 2008 at 02:55 PM



“ *I want to share a cross stitching that my darling sis did for me few years ago, and i have always loved it and will cherish it so much more now. she knew what it meant to me. WE SHARED MANY SECRETS, THE SAME MOM AND DAD, WE SHARED LOTS OF GOOD TIMES, TRYING NOT TO THINK OF THE BAD, OUR MEMORIES WE'LL CHERISH WITH LOVE WITHOUT END, I'M GLAD YOU'RE MY SISTER, I'M GLAD YOUR MY FRIEND.
FAYE###imported-begin##faye carraway###imported-end##*

December 01, 2008 at 11:47 AM



“ My darling sister, our hearts are broken that you are no longer with us, that you never became completely well again, but so thankful that you are no longer in pain. We will miss you terribly. We will keep in close contact with your wonderful husband and your precious children and look forward to your memorial in May when we can all be together. I love you so very much and hope you enjoy lots of blues in Heaven with Mama, Daddy and Billy. Hugs forever!###imported-begin##Nell Kane###imported-end##

December 01, 2008 at 11:29 AM



“ I was only blessed with meeting Mac one time at a Family Reunion in Tennessee, but I instantly saw the love and connection she had with her family.
I was her new "neice-in-law" but the warmth and love I received from her made me feel like a part of her family.
I love hearing stories between the sisters and brothers about good times with her.
I look forward to the next time I will get to see her, in heaven.
All my love to her sweet family.###imported-begin##Sheryl Knutson###imported-end##

December 01, 2008 at 10:00 AM



“ God bless you Mac. Love, Denny###imported-begin##Dennis###imported-end##

December 01, 2008 at 07:29 AM



“ Hey, my big Sis, you know how much I love you. For now I will miss seeing you, but I know that all of our loved ones in Heaven are happier now because they get to hug and kiss you and show you around Heaven. In your new home that God has been getting ready for you, we will all love and miss you. We'll never stop loving you. You blessed our lives in so many ways, and I hope that I can be blessed to be there with you one day, and then you can show me around. Thank you very much, Maxine, for being a loving sister and a wonderful friend to talk and laugh with. I love you very much.

Your brother,

Mickey###imported-begin###Mickey Gafnea###imported-end##

November 30, 2008 at 09:44 PM



“ Aunt Mac, you have been part of my life from the very beginning. You helped Charles and Ann Crowder become parents. When I turned 18 years old, you were there once more to help me find my mother, Faye. I can still remember the sound of your voice the first time I spoke with you on the phone, I have treasured the letter you wrote to me and I will forever treasure the times we shared with each other. Tammy and Kellie always said I am so much like you and for that I am truly blessed. Your wisdom, humor, and spirit will live on in each of us. I know that you are sitting at the feet of my sweet Jesus. Be with Him my precious aunt, we will meet again. I love you so much, Missy###imported-begin###Melissa Weaver###imported-end##

November 30, 2008 at 09:26 PM



“ Aunt mac i love you so much and I'm going to miss you.

Love,

Clera Medvecky##imported-begin##ciera medvecky##imported-end##

November 30, 2008 at 05:45 PM



“ Maxine,

We know you are now dancing with the angels and having the celebration you always dreamed of. I am so honored to have been your Son-In-Law. Everytime you introduced me you always made me feel so very special. I learned so much through your love. I learned to be patient and just listen. Galatians 5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

Love, Eddie##imported-begin##Eddie Rush##imported-end##

November 30, 2008 at 04:52 PM



“ My very precious aunt. I love you so much. You are going to be missed so deeply. You have been such a big part of my life. I cant wait to get to heaven and see your beautiful face again. Thank you for all of your love.##imported-begin##KELLIE

RICHARDSON##imported-end##

November 30, 2008 at 04:41 PM



“ *Mama, I am so grateful to you for teaching me to love and cherish life. I miss you so much but I am so grateful to God for ending your pain. You gave more strength and joy to those that knew you than you could ever have imagined. I know you will continue to watch over us and embrace us with your love and guidance until our time comes to join you in heaven. Until we meet again... Love, Bonnie* `###imported-begin###Bonnie###imported-end##`

November 30, 2008 at 04:35 PM



“ *Farewell Mack, you will be missed.* `###imported-begin###Kevin Richardson###imported-end##`

November 30, 2008 at 04:27 PM



“ *My dearest Pate i love you so very much, its hard to imagine not seeing your beautiful face again. But i have to remember you are the blessed one, there will be no more struggles or pain for you here on earth. Please save me a spot right next to you i love you so very much, and cant wait to see you again..... Tammy* `###imported-begin###Tammy Klinstiver###imported-end##`

November 30, 2008 at 02:40 PM



“ *My darling sis, you were my sister and my very best friend. i will miss you so very much. we shared so much, and i have so many memories to cherish until i see you again. you will always be with me in my heart.. you had so much spirit strength and you taught me to have it also. I will live the rest of my life being thankful that we had so many wonderful years together.* `###imported-begin###Faye carraway###imported-end##`

November 30, 2008 at 01:52 PM



“ Ya'll are in our prayers...God bless.##imported-begin##Alison Stone-Holcombe ##imported-end##

November 30, 2008 at 01:20 PM



“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU##imported-begin##KEITH & RITA STONE##imported-end##

November 30, 2008 at 12:02 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Bless you all.##imported-begin##Jerry and Jeanne Jones##imported-end##

November 29, 2008 at 10:06 PM



“ We will miss you dearly Mom.

Love you more than you will ever know.

We know you are at Peace with the Lord and are happy with your being with your family in Heaven.

Life will never be the same without you!

Amen.##imported-begin##Randy, Julie, and Randall

Pate##imported-end##

November 29, 2008 at 08:07 PM



“ We were out of town, but Max's family has been in our thoughts and prayers.

She was a special lady, with beautiful eyes and smile and great sense of humor.

God bless

Rita & Claude##imported-begin##Rita & Claude

Thompson##imported-end##

November 29, 2008 at 06:41 PM



“ Aunt Maxine was such a SWEET lady, look at all of the love she gave and shared with all of her family and friends. I know she is in heaven and with her Mother, Father and Brother now and that gives me comfort to know there is now one more SPECIAL person I cant wait to see and meet again in HEAVEN. I miss all of them and know my MAMA was waiting at the gates with a beautiful smile and open arms for her oldest baby. I miss her so much!!!!!!!

REST IN PEACE !!! I LOVE YOU, Chantell##imported-begin##Chantell Gafnea##imported-end##

November 29, 2008 at 01:51 PM



“ she earned her place in heaven & leaves a legacy of love & giving##imported-begin##sara & dennie rush##imported-end##

November 29, 2008 at 01:12 PM



“ Mac has been a part of my life for almost 20 years and I'll miss her. What the heart has once known, it shall never forget.##imported-begin##Susan Penalba##imported-end##

November 29, 2008 at 08:57 AM



“ *In The DayTime,
We can't see The Stars Yet They Exist.*

*In The NightTime,
We can't see The Sun
Yet It Exist.*

*When We're Apart,
you can't see My Love
Yet, It is There.....Always*

*Mac Sent me this poem.
I hope that all of you will find the comfort in it that
I do.
I was Blessed to have her for a Sister and will miss her terribly. but
as she used to tell me she would be at the gate waiting if anything
were to happen to her.
I Love you My Big Sis.
Deb###imported-begin###Deb Gafnea###imported-end##*

November 29, 2008 at 07:07 AM



“ *Mac*

*Sorry i never got back before! Guess it wasn't meant to be, always
loved You and Glen and always meant to get back time just slips
away. We had great times together! Lake, florida, ya'lls home didn't
matter,Where we always enjoyed life.
Thanks Mac for the ggod times!*

lk###imported-begin###Larry Knutson###imported-end##

November 29, 2008 at 01:01 AM



“ *Maxine is a wonderful lady and full of joy and laughter. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her but she is set free now to enjoy her new home in Heaven roaming around and chatting with everyone. Maxine was so grateful as she met Jesus in person for the price He paid on Calvary for her and the eternal life she has in Him. Life has not ended but has just now begun eternally with Jesus and those she has reunited with. Her life lives on in our hearts and eternally. With heartfelt love and the pleasure to have met her may the Lord continue to comfort those who she loved so much.*

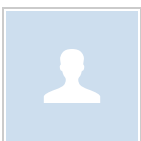
*Grace and peace be your,
Vicki Rush##imported-begin##Vicki Rush##imported-end##*

November 28, 2008 at 08:59 PM



“ *Maxine gave me a strong example of how to deal with hardships that come your way. Never complained about her stroke. Even joked with the parametric to make them at ease, with helping her up, when she couldn't do it, herself. Loved and trusted God through it all, which makes all our problems so small, and petty for complaining about them. She passed all her tests from God, never complaining, and showing us all, how to handle anything that comes our way with a smile on our face, and love in our hearts. I know she'll be there at the gate, when I go home. I'm going to hug her so tight, and thank her, for changing my life. We all sure are going to miss her, until we meet again.##imported-begin##Renee and Larry Gafnea##imported-end##*

November 28, 2008 at 08:57 PM



“ *There are no words....##imported-begin##Caren Bowman
##imported-end##*

November 28, 2008 at 07:50 PM