



Mattie Jewell (Tomlinson) Padgett

April 13, 1931 - February 17, 2020

Mattie Padgett Obituary

Mattie Jewell Padgett, 88, passed away on February 17, 2020 in Tifton, Georgia. She was the widow of Donald Padgett, surviving him after only two weeks. They shared 70 years of marriage together and were truly inseparable. A graveside service is being planned and we be announced later

Born April 13, 1931 in Doles, Worth, Georgia, Jewell was the daughter of Rupert Ivan Tomlinson and

Mattie Lou Johnson. During the Great Depression, she spent her childhood traveling to many places in

South Georgia and North Florida due to her family working in the naval stores (turpentine) industry. As

a teenager, she attended Ashburn High School, lettering in Girls Varsity Basketball (playing the half-court

version). After graduating, she married Donald in 1950. They both worked at Jayco Pants and then

Manhattan Textile Company for many years. Her second career was a very fulfilling occupation of

leading a team of young people with intellectual disabilities, giving them life lessons and enriching their

social skills. Her retirement years were spent looking after her pecan grove;

driving her tractor until she
was 86 years old.

For many years, Jewell taught Sunday school at Westside Baptist Church,
where her son Phil played the
organ in the music ministry. After Phil left for college, she became a faithful
member of First Baptist

Church of Ashburn. Jewell was a great Christian prayer warrior.

Jewell is survived by her grandchildren Kip Padgett, Victoria Carlini, and
Sabrina Kaar, and daughter-in-

law Lee Ann Padgett, all of Gainesville, FL. Four great-grandchildren also
survive her. She was

predeceased by her husband Donald Padgett and her son Phillip Padgett.

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