

Gardner, Ruth Marie | 1921-2012

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Ruth Marie Gardner

Ruth Marie Gardner, 90, died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, in Decatur.

Funeral was Nov. 13 at Grace Baptist Church with Dr. Van Gardner and Dr. Bill Hughes officiating. Burial followed at Pleasant Grove Cemetery No. 1.

Pallbearers were Brett Gardner, Brian Paque, Steve Hunt, Nick Morris, Brad Barnett, Don Spain and Bill Spain. Honorary pallbearers were John Cody Gardner, Ezekiel Paque, Dewey Paque and Van Gardner II.

Ruth was born Dec. 2, 1921, in Decatur to Van Dewey and Jesse Lee (Parrish) Spain. She married James Gardner Dec. 15, 1945, and they shared 63 years together until his death July 10, 2009. Ruth was a member of Grace Baptist Church. She always had a large garden, and she sold her garden produce at her stand that she maintained for years.

She is survived by her daughter, Shauna Paque and husband, Brian; son Van Gardner and wife, Debbie, all of Decatur; son Steven Gardner and wife, Cheryl, of Bedford; daughter Rebecca Davis; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.