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Janice Meredith Mann Gettys

Janice Meredith Mann Gettys, 89, of Decatur, died Friday, May 24, 2013, in Bridgeport.

Funeral is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 29, at the First Baptist Church of Decatur with the Rev. Ken May and Gerre Joiner officiating. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery under the direction of Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are Martin Woodruff, Tim Woodruff, Mason Woodruff, Melton Cude, Chance Overton, Gavin Cole and John Tomme. Honorary pallbearers are Sammy Renshaw, J.E. Carson, Dr. W.M. Lewis, Franklin Meador, Manshadow Waylett and Murray Cude.

Janice was born Jan. 5, 1924, in Artesia, N.M., to Charles Edgar and Hattie Daisy (Boyd) Mann. She married Charles Thomas Gettys June 14, 1947, in Artesia. They made their home in Decatur and celebrated 60 years together before his passing in 2007.

Janice graduated with a bachelor of science degree from Baylor University and first worked as a laboratory technician for Baylor Hospital in Dallas. She took time off from work to raise her children and then began teaching school in Bridgeport. After 19 years in education, she retired from Decatur ISD. She was an active member and served as president of Decatur Women's Club. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Decatur, was a devout Sunday school teacher there and helped organize the church's daycare program.

She is survived by her son, Ronald Thomas Gettys of Decatur; daughters Charlotte Meador and husband, Franklin, and Leisa Waylett and husband, Manshadow, all of Decatur; granddaughters Shauna Tomme, Eryn Gettys, Sterling Cole, LeaAnn Meador and Kara Overton; grandson Chance Overton; great-grandchildren Triston Minihan, Matthew Tomme, Owen Cole, Nathan Cole and Gracen Cole; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters; and her husband.

Donations can be made to the Decatur Public Library.