



East, Auga Lee (Mathis)

1929-2021

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Decatur ~ Auga Lee East, 92, went to be with our Lord Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021.

Funeral is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the First Baptist Church in Decatur with burial at Sycamore Cemetery.

Dr. David Lowrie will officiate. Pallbearers include Andrew East, Michael East, Jesse East, Kenny Boner, Matt Exter and G.A. Walker Jr.

Auga Lee was born March 16, 1929, in Leo to Ramon and Maggie Ann (Eason)

Mathis. She was united in marriage Dec. 29, 1947, to James Borden East in

Bloomington. Auga Lee retired from Wise Electric in 1992 after many years as a billing clerk.

She had been a member of the First Baptist Church in Decatur since 1960. Auga Lee sang in the choir and taught third and fourth grade Sunday School. She was a member of the Texas Association of Hospital Auxiliaries and logged 4,500 hours of volunteering. Auga Lee had been sewing since she was a young girl. She was an accomplished seamstress, and she enjoyed making clothes and doing alterations for people. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend to many who will miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 69 years, James Borden East; her brother, Jack Forest Mathis; three sisters, Ima Wave Belknap, Allie Belle Florida and Vonceal Wallace.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her daughters, Rama Lynn Smith of Berryville, Ark., and Alean East Zufall and husband, Robert, of Houston; her sons, Charles Steward East and wife, Holly, of Decatur and Donald Eugene East and wife, Linda, of Decatur; her grandchildren, Amy Exter, Natalie Lairamore, Lana Boner, Alexis East, Rachel Ryder, Andrew East, Michael East, Jesse East and Maggie Zufall; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.