



Marjorie Louise DeBats

August 4, 1931 - August 4, 2023

Marjorie DeBats, 92, passed peacefully at her loving home, August 4th, 2023, on her Birthday. Celebration of life will be held Saturday, August 26th, 2023, at 11:00am at Edgewood Baptist Church, 403 E Edgewood Dr., Lakeland FL 33803

Marge was born August 4th, 1931 in Richland, SC. She moved to Lakeland, Florida with her family at 1 year old and lived here for 91 years. She was a loyal and loving daughter/sister to her father JH and mother Elizabeth Melton, brothers Buck and Terry Melton. A loving, devoted mother to Cindy and Ricky DeBats and the love of her life, husband Chuck DeBats who all preceded her in death.

Marge grew up in Lakeland attending Dixieland Elementary and Lakeland Jr and Sr High school. She was captain of the LHS cheerleaders in her Senior year, 1949 and went on to Florida State Women's college. She was a retired schoolteacher from Pat Pierce Private school and substituted numerous schools after, along with volunteering with organizations, tutoring and helping the underprivileged learn to read. Marge was also a loving devoted housewife/mother of four children.

Most of all, Marjorie DeBats was a God living/loving faithful servant, and all who knew her, knew that it's one of the most treasured things that all of us left

behind, will remember. If I can have the faith that mom had while here.....Glory Be to God

Marge is survived by her sister of the heart K Losson, Richard and children, Jan Speckhardt, Steve DeBats (Becky), Christian DeBats Clarke (Erin). 6 grandchildren and 13 Great grandchildren.

Marge/Mom will live in our hearts always. Until we meet again, we find comfort knowing that you are in God's loving arms. Soar high mom. Love you more
xoxo

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Edgewood Baptist Church
403 E. Edgewood Drive
Lakeland, FL 33803

Tribute Wall

SD

“Chuck and Marge were very good to my children. I'm sure they were the ones who secretly gifted my children scholarships to different church activities.

Sharon Dennis - December 08, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marjorie Louise DeBats.



August 25, 2023 at 10:16 AM

AF

“What a fear and Godly woman. Marge was an inspiration during trials in my life. She will surely be missed. Rest in peace

Allena Fusselle - August 19, 2023 at 10:57 AM

BL

“Marge was a jewel. She volunteered in my first grade classroom at Carlton Palmore Elementary for 10 years every Wednesday(after her weekly hair appointment!). After reading to my students, she left a bag of cookies for them. Marge was not only a classroom volunteer, she was a faithful and loving friend.
Bev Lindsey

Beverly W Lindsey - August 16, 2023 at 01:33 PM

CS

💖💖 she loved to come read to our classes.

Christina Speckhardt - August 18, 2023 at 02:14 PM

AP

“ We were privileged to have known Marge, and will always remember her fondly.
Don and Lexi Price

Alexa Price - August 07, 2023 at 09:17 PM

MR

“ Marge impacted my life in so many ways. Most important her influence in strengthening my Christian faith. She loved deeply and aside from her love for Jesus, family meant everything to her. I am proud to have been a part of her journey in life and will cherish our memories together. Rest in Peace Marge.



Mary Reese - August 07, 2023 at 11:36 AM

CS

“ I love you so much nana. I'm so happy your with poppa and rejoicing with family watching down on us but you are missed so very much. You're the best grandma ever! The best birthday you could've asked for, to go be with our Lord and family. I miss you but so happy for you. I LOVE YOU MORE ❤️💜💜



Christina Speckhardt - August 07, 2023 at 10:20 AM

CS

You were such a wonderful great grandmother to your family. Your memories will last forever. Thank you for all the love and support over the years. I'll never forget all my dresses and pictures you and poppa would take me to get done :) my boys love u very much! Thank u for loving us.

Christina Speckhardt - August 07, 2023 at 10:26 AM