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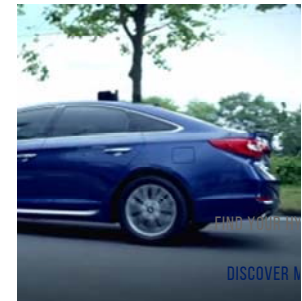
OATES Christine McNutt Oates, 92, of Jacksonville, FL and Craigville, MA, died April 30, 2014 in Jacksonville with her closest family by her side. She was born to the late Thomas and Lula McNutt in Dennis, Mississippi on April 29, 1922. Christine was the eighth child in a family of 10 children. Shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, she left Mississippi State College for Women to support the US War effort working as a riveter and inspector in the B-25 and B-29 factories of Memphis, TN. It was there that she met and married the love of her life and husband of 42 years, the late Samuel George Oates. Christine and Sam are survived by their three sons; Samuel George Oates and wife Laura, MG Phillip Edwin Oates, US Army (ret) and wife Karla, and Dr. Dale Craig Oates, MD and his fianc e, Georgeann Shelly. She also is survived by nine grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, her younger brother, Jerrell McNutt of Auburn, Alabama and a large extended family. She embraced the Baptist Faith of her family as a young girl and dedicated her life to serving her Lord Jesus Christ. At her death, she maintained dual membership in two churches; enjoying the Hyannis First Baptist Church on Cape Cod in the summer with winters at Deer Meadows Baptist Church in Jacksonville. There and at First Baptist Church of Sebring, Florida and Parkwood Baptist Church in Jacksonville she served in Children s ministry, handicapped ministry, vacation bible school, Pastoral search committees, and evangelism ministries. She and her husband Sam were members of the North Florida Daylily Society. She was a passionate Scrabble Player and a member of Scrabble Clubs both in Florida and Cape Cod. She loved Bible Study, quilting, sewing, crafts and entertaining her friends with stories, humor and piano. Professionally, she worked as a field supervisor and senior interviewer for the US Department of Commerce and Census Bureau from 1960 through the early eighties. She was named the top field supervisor in the Southeastern US on more than one occasion. She loved traveling with her family, friends, church and mission groups. She visited Brazil, Australia, Israel, Switzerland, Kuwait, Egypt, South Korea, the Caribbean, Mexico, Canada, Guam and all 50 states. She was a family historian and author with four books to her credit. Before her death, Christine indicated her preference for memorial gifts in lieu of flowers be made to either the Southern Baptist International Mission Board or Gideons International. Her funeral service is planned for 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 6th, at

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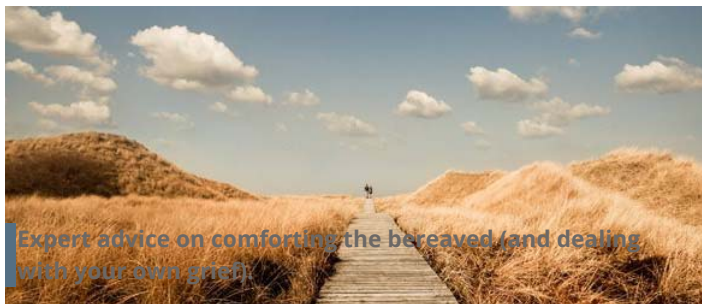
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