



## Margaret Louise Gates

October 15, 1925 - May 7, 2021

Margaret Louise Gates, of Port Tobacco, Maryland, died May 7, 2021 at her residence. She was 95.

Margaret worked for many years as a financial manager at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) before retiring in 1981. In retirement, she was a member of the Antique Arts Club, enjoyed traveling, tending the daylilies in her garden, cooking and entertaining family and friends, and playing cards. She was a prolific quilter and an avid reader with a keen interest in presidential history, and she never missed the opportunity to tell a good joke.

Margaret was the daughter of George Franklin Thorne, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth Scheer Thorne. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Ernest "Jimmy" Gates; a brother, George Franklin Thorne, Jr.; and two sisters, Zelda Johnson and Elsie Ruth Thorne.

She is survived by a daughter, Phylis Gail Gates of Upper Marlboro, MD; a son, George Philip Gates (Lincoln) of Lancaster, VA; two sisters, Dorothy Roland of Hollywood, MD and Wilma Tinsley of Harrisonburg, VA; one brother, Robert Thomas Thorne (Ruth) of Charlotte Hall, MD; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., followed by

a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. at La Plata United Methodist Church, 3 Port Tobacco Road, La Plata, Maryland 20646. A private interment will be scheduled for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (National Capital Area Office), P.O. Box 9924, McLean, VA 22102 ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)); Hospice of the Chesapeake, 2505 Davis Road, Waldorf, Maryland 20603 ([www.hospicechesapeake.org](http://www.hospicechesapeake.org)); or La Plata United Methodist Church, 3 Port Tobacco Road, La Plata, Maryland 20646 ([www.laplataumc.org](http://www.laplataumc.org)).

Face masks are required for all services and social distancing will be observed with limited attendance.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

La Plata United Methodist Church  
3 Port Tobacco Rd.  
La Plata, MD MD  
<http://laplataumc.org/>

## Service

MAY 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Louise Gates*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Margaret Louise Gates*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Louise Gates.*



May 17, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Louise Gates.*



May 11, 2021 at 10:50 AM