

Order of Service

Opening Prayer and Obituary Reading by Bro. Lyle Hern

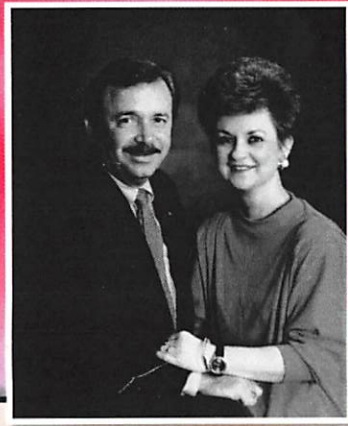
Song: "It Is Well" by Keith Carter & Angie Collins

Message by Bro. Jamie Staley

Closing Prayer

Song: "I Can Only Imagine"

(This Service is being live-streamed on the Medders Funeral Home Facebook page)



Obituary

Margaret Elaine Bays, 74, of Crossett, passed away on Monday, February 8, 2021, surrounded by her family. She was born on October 30, 1946, to her parents, James, and Margariet Rea Hayes. She grew up in Crossett, was a former CHS Eaglette, and a member of the CHS Class of 1964.

For forty-one years, Elaine worked for the First National Bank of Crossett; during this time, she graduated from The School for Bank Administration at the University of Wisconsin and eventually retired as the Vice President of Bookkeeping and Data Processing in 2013.

Along with being a member of Beta Sigma Phi, the United Way, and the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Elaine was Treasurer of Ladies at Work and a member of the First Baptist Church of Crossett. She adored her church family, especially her Sunday School Class, "Loving Care", and was considered a dependable prayer warrior by many.

Her infectious smile and outgoing personality could instantly light up any room. She treated everyone with genuine love, including strangers, and was always looking for ways that she could help anyone who may be in need.

Elaine was a prim and proper lady who felt complete while wearing pink clothing garnished

Pallbearers

Casey White, Buck Boger, Brian Holt, Lance Mercer, Scott Gullede,
Chris Collins, Carl Sivils, and Chris Posey

Honorary pallbearers:

Ernie Thompson, Alan Jackson, and Roger Williams

Elaine's family would like to thank each of you for your prayers,
and compassion during this difficult time.

May God bless each of you.

with beautiful sparkly pearls. She was also a lady who regarded dessert as the most important course of the meal, often insisting on having orange sherbet to soothe the palate.

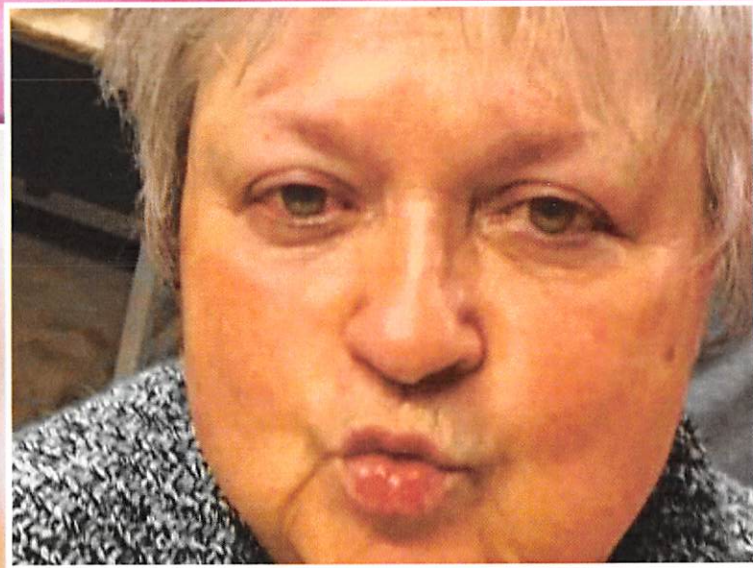
Elaine was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and best friend, but most of all, she was a child of God. Her courage, strength, and faith in Jesus Christ shined bright, especially during her darkest days, and the lives she touched with her testimony will forever be changed.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, John Earl Bays. Her survivors include one daughter, Angie Haynie, and husband, Kenny, of Crossett; one son, Jimmy Woods, and wife, Kristie, also of Crossett; one sister, Pat Rawls of Prairie Grove, AR; five grandchildren, Stan Haynie (Katie), Ryne Haynie, Damien Moyers (Lyndsey), Ashton Woods, and Nicholas Akers (Kim); eight great-grandchildren, Courson, Camila, Axle, Ryder, Maibry, Will, Rylan, and Paxton; along with her step-children, John Bays, Jr., Joe Bays (Pam), Beth Beavers (Brian), and five step-grandchildren, and one step great-grandchild.

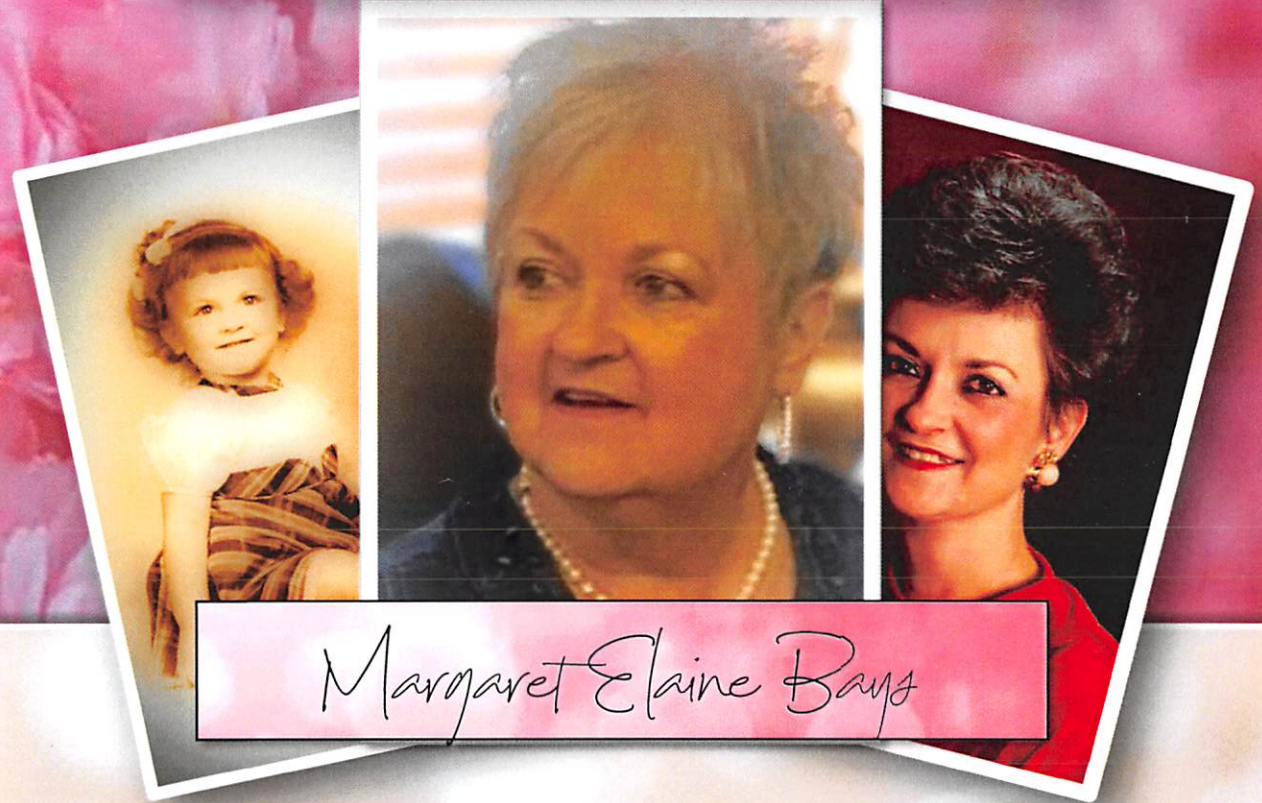


blessed is she
 who has believed
 that the Lord
 would fulfill his
 promises to her.

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A Celebration of Life



Margaret Elaine Bays

October 30, 1946 — February 8, 2021

2:00 p.m., Friday, February 12, 2021

Crossroads Cemetery

Crossett, Arkansas 71635

Pastors Jamie Staley & Lyle Hern, officiating



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