



## Christine Luther

June 14, 1929 - September 12, 2020

Euneva Christine (Ray) Luther

Joy Comes in the Morning - Psalm 30:5

Early Saturday morning, September 12, 2020, Christine was released from her suffering. At the beginning of her struggles with illness at 91, she commented that she had lived a wonderful life, with few ailments and many blessings. She had only been in the hospital twice in her lifetime, in 1948 when her only child was born and in 2020, on August 17th when she experienced the effects of a brain tumor on Monday, followed by a broken hip on Wednesday. On Saturday morning, Christine's joy was found in the arms of Jesus Christ her savior.

Euneva Christine Ray's life began on June 14, 1929 in Emhouse, Texas. She was the fourteenth child born to the blended families of Bezaleel Ray and Minnie Eula Meador, and she was the last living child of that union. The family affectionately called her Baby Angel, and they doted on her throughout her lifetime. After graduating from Emhouse High School, Christine worked in Corsicana at the telephone office. While in Corsicana, she met James "Jelly" Luther, and it was love at first sight. Shortly thereafter, they were married in Macomb, Mississippi, on May 22, 1947. Theirs was a love that lasted sixty years, before Jelly died on October 4, 2007. During those years, they traveled the continental United States and internationally to Turkey, Germany, France, Holland and Belgium with the Associated Pipeline Company. After Jelly's retirement from pipelining, they settled in Navarro County where they became active members of Barry Baptist Church. The country girl from Emhouse attained a life of experiences and adventures that she had never believed were possible.

Christine was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; her siblings, Eula Ray Tallant, Thomas Ray, Frank Ray, James "Preacher" Ray, Garvis Ray, Sam Allen, Willie Mae Allen Owen, Verlie Allen Turner, Elmer "Judge" Allen, Jodie Allen Miley, Alvie Ray, Clarence Ray and Marie Ray Adams.

Christine is survived by her daughter, Debbie Piel and husband Armin; her granddaughter, Kristi Williams and husband Josh, and her great granddaughters Gracie and Kaylee;

brother-in-law Robert Luther, Jr. and wife Jane; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Special acknowledgement to the Singing Missionary at Barry Baptist Church. Stan Mizell provided his recorded gospel songs and encouragement for Christine each week. These brought her great enjoyment.

Special recognition and appreciation goes to the Assisted Living Director Janet and the 600 hall staff at the Village at Heritage Oaks, especially Sherry, Ruth, Beverly, Shemeka, Julia, Maria, Carla and Marcellus, who gave exceptional daily care and TLC to Christine.

Funeral Service will be 10:00am Saturday, September 19, 2020 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, with burial at Pattison Cemetery near Emhouse.

Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice or to Barry Baptist Church or Westside Baptist Church, if desired.

# Cemetery

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## **Pattison Cemetery**

6800 NWCR 1140

Corsicana, TX, 75110

# Events

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**SEP 19 Funeral Service 10:00AM**

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Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street, Corsicana, TX, US, 75110

**SEP 19 Burial**

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Pattison Cemetery  
6800 NWCR 1140, Corsicana, TX, US, 75110

# Comments

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“ I always loved it when I would see Christine at Heritage Oaks, and we could share some old Barry memories. That connection allowed us to reminisce about stories involving our families and friends She was always smiling and in good spirits. She will be greatly missed by many, many people.

**Jeanne Patterson** - September 19, 2020 at 08:12 AM

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“ 62 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home** - September 17, 2020 at 04:02 PM

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“ Prayers for you all! Christine was just a joy to be around!! She could always make you laugh and make your day better!! Love Debbie & Larry Meador

**Debbie and Larry Meador** - September 17, 2020 at 09:25 AM

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“ Jeanette Melton and Karen Blackwell purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Christine Luther.



**Jeanette Melton and Karen Blackwell** - September 15, 2020 at 07:12 PM

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“ Love The McCanns, Wilma,Royce,Mary,Raymond,Judy purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Christine Luther.



Love The McCanns, Wilma,Royce,Mary,Raymond,Judy - September 15, 2020 at 05:57 PM

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“ Debbie I have wonderful memories of your Mom. When we first moved back to Texas in 1988, she and I did Weight Watchers together. I can also remember meeting her, Aunt Chee Chee and Mother in Canton to do some shopping. She was a great lady.

Betty Jo Thomas

Betty Jo Thomas - September 15, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ My family always enjoyed going to their house...They were both a joy to be around...  
Tommy Cole and Family

Tom Cole - September 19, 2020 at 02:19 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family during this time of sorrow. Christine was such a lovely lady that I enjoyed visiting with when I came to Corsicana to visit our mom Wilma McCann. She could tell stories that would keep us laughing all the time and I loved watching her and mom talking and cutting up with each other. They were good company for each other and our family appreciated her loving ways. God be with you.

Love,  
Royce & Mary McCann

mary mccann - September 15, 2020 at 05:40 PM

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“ These photos are from Mom & Dad's 50th anniversary. Aunt Christine biting Bruce... PRICELESS! (from Scott Gleason)

And then there's mom doing armpit farts. I wonder who taught her that?

Debbie and Armon, I'm sorry I can't be there for the service, but I hope these photos bring a smile to your face!

Much love,

Scott Gleason



**Scott Gleason** - September 15, 2020 at 11:50 AM

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“ I have not seen Christine in a long time, but she was one of the most caring person I have ever known. I know how much she will be missed, but she will be a asset in Heaven she earned her crowns. Prayers are with you Debbie and the Luther family we love you all

**Jo Lovelady** - September 14, 2020 at 10:16 AM

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“ Debbie,my heart cries with you as I read this. A beautiful lady and so special to you.I send my prayers of comfort to you and your family. Wanda McKinney Cawthorn

**Wanda Cawthorn** - September 13, 2020 at 07:46 PM

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“ Christine was one of the best loved her very much ! If she knew of anyone sick or in the nursing homes she visited them and made them laugh ! She had the best sense of humor of anyone I've ever known ! God has another beautiful angel

**Jackie Nicholson** - September 13, 2020 at 12:25 AM



“ I have so many memories over my lifetime of Aunt Christine. My earliest is as a small girl riding with her and my momma back to Corsicana. Aunt Christine would come through Ragley and pick us up. I think Jelly was working in Mississippi at the time. After seeing her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, what a reunion she is having with all those Ray's! Prayers for your entire family at this time and sending my love.

Casandra Cole Girola (Toot)

**Casandra Girola** - September 13, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ Shared many laughs with Christine through the years, she was always a fun person to be around. She helped me a lot in the cemetery work at Pattison because she always knew the families of just about everyone in Navarro County. A great friend that will be missed. Prayers to the family.

With love and best wishes,

Jeanette Melton

**Jeanette Melton** - September 15, 2020 at 06:42 PM