



Benja L. Ragsdale

July 8, 1936 - August 5, 2017

Benja Ragsdale of Corsicana passed away Saturday, August 6, 2017 at the age of 81. She was born on July 8, 1936 in Canton, Texas to Irby and Katie Norrell.

Benja graduated from Lancaster High School and Sam Houston State University. After she graduated she worked as a case worker at the Corsicana State Home before beginning her teaching career. Benja taught for many years in Corsicana at Jackson, Lincoln and Travis Elementary schools. After retiring she continued aiding the school district as a substitute teacher.

Benja attended Central United Methodist Church serving in many different capacities until the church closed, she later became a member of St. Luke's. She was a very avid Texas Ranger fan and loved watching them play. Benja loved sewing, cooking and crafting.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years Roy Ragsdale, Jr.; daughter, Elaine Barnes and husband Alan of Waxahachie; sons, Steve Ragsdale of Stephenville and David Ragsdale of Corsicana; grandchildren, Justin Baxter-Ragsdale and wife Krys of Brownwood, Andrew Barnes of Waxahachie and Shelby Ragsdale of Corsicana; great grandchildren, Natalie, Xander, Caspian and Grayson. She is also survived by her sisters Peggy Cruse, Mary Cheshier and husband T.F. and Sue Taylor and husband Ken; brothers, Irby Norrell and wife Elaine, Mac Norrell, Don Norrell and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Tuesday, August 8, 2017 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Griffin-

Roughton Funeral Home. Service will be 10:00am Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home with Farland Clark officiating. Burial will follow at Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery. Pallbearers will be nephews and grandsons. Honorary Pallbearer will be Ron Stewart.

Cemetery Details

Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Service

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Benja L. Ragsdale*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with R E and family. So sorry at Benja's passing. We were LHS classmates of 1950's. Shared good times with her. She will be missed. Jackie Rigby and Bud Barnett of Pittsburg, TX*



Bud Barnetts - August 09, 2017 at 05:29 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Roy and his family at this tiime.*

Karen Bush - August 08, 2017 at 05:33 PM



“ *Mary Ellen Huskerson & Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Benja L. Ragsdale.*



Mary Ellen Huskerson & Family - August 07, 2017 at 01:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Benja L. Ragsdale.*



August 07, 2017 at 11:25 AM



“ *Janet Magee lit a candle in memory of Benja L. Ragsdale*



Janet Magee - August 07, 2017 at 07:00 AM



*David and Family,
So sorry about the loss of your mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.
God Bless each of you.
Janet K Magee*

Janet Magee - August 07, 2017 at 07:01 AM



“ *Don & Linda Cheshier, Pat Cheshier, Gene & Lynda Mc purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Benja L. Ragsdale.*



Don & Linda Cheshier, Pat Cheshier, Gene & Lynda Mc -
August 06, 2017 at 09:18 AM

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“ *Mary Ann, Della and Laura (Needham Sisters) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Benja L. Ragsdale.*



Mary Ann, Della and Laura (Needham Sisters) - August 05,
2017 at 11:15 PM