



Bernice Prater

July 7, 1918 - September 26, 2020

Audie Bernice Prater born July 7, 1918 in Drane, Texas to parents, Charlie Hollingsworth and Ethel Lee Lewis Hollingsworth. She attended Blooming Grove School graduating in 1936. She enjoyed all sports, excelling in basketball and baseball. She loved to run, crochet, read and do cross word puzzles.

Bernice married Doyce Prater in August 1937. They were married 39 happy years. Doyce passed away December 6, 1976. They had no children. Bernice was a long time member of Central Baptist Church in Blooming Grove. In May 1938 she made a public profession of faith and joined the church.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Doyce Prater; two brothers, Charlie Lee and Lewis Hollingsworth and sister, Mavis Lusk.

Funeral Service will be 11:00am Thursday, October 1, 2020 at Central Baptist Church with visitation prior to from 10:00am - 11:00am. Interment will be at Rose Hill Cemetery

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

300 Rose Hill Road
Blooming Grove, TX 76626

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Central Baptist Church
221 South Fordyce Street
Blooming Grove, TX 76626
(903) 695-2271

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice Prater*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *I dearly loved Bernice and have so many loving memories of her and Doyce while growing up a "Tank Builder's" kid. Seems I've loved to talk my entire life and we all know Bernice did too! I would often go next door to their trailer and keep her company (talking her ear off-I'm sure) waiting for Doyce and Daddy to come home from work. I can still hear her giggly laugh and picture that sweet smile of hers! Most of the time, she was crocheting as she talked. Doyce and Bernice and my parents, R.V. & Elizabeth Alexander, spent many years pulling travel trailers up and down roads setting up for the next job (for Graver Tank Company) in some hole in the wall place. The two couples not only worked together, but were close lifelong friends sharing all their adventures down life's highways. When I came along, I became a part of that life too. We could always count on Bernice for all the Tank Builders' news. She kept up with everyone and their families and remembered every detail. Doyce and Bernice were like another set of parents to me. I even got to know their families back home through their stories. I still recall many of your names. They talked of you often and held such great love for you. I hold these precious memories close to my heart and will always remember.....
May the Lord Bless and comfort you during this sad time. My love and prayers are with you.*

Carolyn Alexander Ballard

CAROLYN A BALLARD - September 28, 2020 at 09:44 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bernice Prater.*



September 28, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bernice Prater.*



September 28, 2020 at 05:31 PM



“ *What and incredible lady, she will be missed. I know she was overjoyed to be reunited with Uncle Doyce. The love of her life. Rest easy, love you!*

Susan Upshaw - September 28, 2020 at 10:43 AM

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“ Mrs. Bernice and Mr. Doyce were my momma and daddy's oldest friends. My dad started out as Mr. Doyce's welder helper back in their tank building days. My dad would practice welding whenever Mr. Doyce would take his break. My dad became one of the best welders thanks to Mr. Doyce. I remember attending the Prater's house warming years ago. My parents have passed on but I still loved visiting with Mrs. Bernice. No one had a memory like her. I so enjoyed her telling me stories of all the two couples' adventures. I hadn't been able to see Mrs. Bernice since all this covid started but the Lord allowed her to join Him on my birthday. I know she is rejoicing with the Lord and Mr. Doyce. I know her and momma are catching up over a cup of coffee. Mrs. Bernice, you were truly a special lady and I will miss you dearly.

Kaye Alexander Pate - September 28, 2020 at 10:35 AM

VP

“ Bernice Prater was a very strong and wonderful lady. She was loved by many, including all the Prater Family. Now she is finally with her Doyce again. Rest in peace Aunt Bernice.

Vicky Prater - September 27, 2020 at 12:41 PM