



Charlene Collier

February 18, 1920 - May 7, 2013

Charlene Childress Collier was born in Rankin, Texas February 18, 1920 to Ethel Darden Childress and Charley Clay Childress. She married Tommy Ray Collier on May 24, 1941 in Waxahachie, Texas and they enjoyed 54 years of marriage together.

Soon after her husband left for the war in 1941 she went to work at Consolidated Aircraft in Ft Worth and became a true Rosie the Riveter shooting rivets into the wings of bombers during 1942 and 1943. After the war, Tommie & Charlene moved to Emhouse & raised their three children.

She was always involved in her children's activities at church and at school and later in life remained busy every day doing something for others. She loved being outdoors and tending to her yard & cattle. When she went inside she was busy with her hands. She learned from her grandmother how to work with her hands, sewing, crocheting and quilting.

She was a very talented & creative lady that could see a picture of something & duplicate it. For all the years of her life she made curtains, pillows, party dresses, coats, costumes, bridesmaid & wedding dresses & in later years devoted herself to making quilts. As a hand quilter she has spent long hours & many days at the quilt frame, but piecing quilts gave her great pleasure. She found a peace in the quiet world of silent stitches. She completed quilts for all her children and grandchildren and lots of special friends and relatives. This was her gift of time for times to come. She passed on those simple treasures that cannot be mass produced. May beautiful memories of her will always be quilted together in our hearts.

She is survived by her children, Barbara Watkins & husband Ronny, Charles Collier and wife Bobbie and Debby Bryant and husband Marc; five grandchildren, Brandye West and husband Tom, Kevin Collier and wife Elizabeth, Caryn Collier and husband Les McKay, Becky Sultan and husband Bryan & Matthew Bryant and wife Beth; three great grandchildren, Gavin Collier, Luke Bryant and Grayson McKay.

She was a member of Northside Baptist Church & worked in the Care Center & cooked on Wednesdays for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and four brothers and one sister and many dear family members and friends.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 9, 2013 from 5:00-7:00pm at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home.

She will be remembered in a funeral service on 2:00pm Friday, May 10, 2013 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Collier, Matthew Bryant, Tom West, Bryan Sultan, Les McKay and Scott Watkins. Honorary pallbearers will be Wayne Nelson, John F. Henderson, John Paul Collier and Brett Watkins.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Northside Baptist Church Care Center or a organization of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

900 North 19Th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charlene Collier*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM

CA

“ *Aunt Becky will be greatly missed. She was a wonderful lady who was a blessing to everyone she touched. God has a very special angel with Him now. Cathey Davis*

Cathey - May 28, 2013 at 05:01 PM

JB

“ *Please know that I am thinking of you. All memories of your Mom, Debby, are good ones. She was very kind and giving and I know she will be missed dearly. Love you.*

Jamie Borsellino

Jamie Borsellino - May 14, 2013 at 11:05 AM

LF

“ *Your family is in my heart and in my prayers as you mourn the loss of this dear woman.*

*God bless,
Lee*

*Chaplain Lee
Lighthouse Hospice*

Lee Franklin - May 12, 2013 at 01:50 PM

LF

“ *Your family is in my heart and in my prayers as you mourn the loss of this dear woman. God bless, Chaplain Lee, Lighthouse Hospice*

Lee Franklin - May 12, 2013 at 01:48 PM

TA

“ *May your family remain strong during your time of loss. What a doll your mother was and footprints that she left on my heart will last forever. Thanks for allowing me to share your mother.*

2 SAMUEL 22:3

*Lots of Love,
Terri & Doris Anderson*



Terri Anderson - May 09, 2013 at 04:15 PM

DC

“ *Debby and Family, there are no words to make the loss go away but know that I understand and keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Debbie Coppock - May 09, 2013 at 09:28 AM

GM

“ *Jane and I are saddened to hear of your loss. Charlene was a good friend of my mother and a great quilter. She was a very sweet lady and Jane and I will miss her very much as will everyone else in " the valley".*

George and Jane McAdams

George McAdams - May 09, 2013 at 09:17 AM

NL

“ *Navarro Regional Hospital Laboratory purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Charlene Collier.*



Navarro Regional Hospital Laboratory - May 09, 2013 at 08:03 AM