



Dana Elliott Bonner

November 25, 1926 - March 15, 2011

Dana Bonner, 84, of Corsicana, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her daughters, on Tuesday, March 15, 2011. She was born on November 25, 1926 to Frank and Lena Arnett in Corsicana. After graduating from Corsicana High School in 1943, Dana was employed with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. In 1945 she married Nathan Elliott in Corsicana. To this union three daughters were born. The family lived in Carthage and Grapeland where many lifelong friendships were made. Nathan passed away in 1963 and Dana returned to Corsicana with her young daughters and later continued her employment with Southwestern Bell. In 1975, she married Lowell Bonner. After their retirement they enjoyed spending time with their grandchildren and great grandchildren. As Lowell's health began to fail, she cared for him until his death in 2007. Dana was affectionally know as "Memaw". She was a talented seamstress and homemaker and enjoyed watching the Texas Rangers. Her home was always a gathering place for friends and family. She was a longtime member of St. Lukes United Methodist Church. She is preceded in death by her first husband, Nathan Elliott and second husband, Lowell Bonner; sister, Oleta Raney; brother, James Arnett and granddaughter Laurie Pillans Horn. She is survived by her daughter and son in law, Carolyn and Gary M. Pillans of Corsicana; daughter, Georgia Elliott of Corsicana; daughter, Tina Carroll of Savannah, Tennessee; grandchildren, Cindy Pillans Pair, Brian Pillans and wife Danielle all of Corsicana, Leslie Carroll, Natalie Carroll and Bradie Carroll of Waco; great grandchildren, Holly,

Brooke, Nate, Drew and Riley Pair; Ryan and Hunter Pillans, Addison Burk Pillans all of Corsicana; Hannah Carroll and Landon Oliver of Waco and Ashley Horn and Tommy Horn of Corsicana; sister and best friend, Joann Tomlin of Corsicana, brother and sister in law, Roy and Jeanie Arnett of Corsicana, sister in laws, Frances Perry of Corsicana and Roberta Johnson of Des Moines, Iowa; special cousins, Doris Bonner, Norma Watkins, Margaret Arnett, Sandra Johnson and Linda Prewitt; numerous nieces and nephews. The family would like to give a special thanks to caregiver and friend Regina Brookins, Angels At Home and Hospice of Cedar Lake. Visitation will be 6-8pm Thursday, March 17, 2011 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Services will be 11am Friday, March 18, 2011 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bruce Carpenter of Saint Lukes United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Benny Pillans, James Gary Pillans, Ken Authier, Bob McConnell, David Fondren and Michael Whisenant.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dana Elliott Bonner*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *AngelDimplesMD08IM SOOO IN LOVE WITH THIS SHOW! I even stay as late as 2:30am just to watch it here in the philippines troguh KBS. WAAAAH can't wait for the dvd release. I will even go to korea just to buy one.*

Serwan - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Carolyn, Georgia & Tina I was so sorry to hear about Dana. I did not know that she was sick. She was always a very special Lady. I thought the world of her. As you know we worked together for years, down on 5th & main and then on 13th. The 1st time I saw her she and Lucille Young came to see me. i can't get out much. and I really enjoyed them. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless You.*

Elizabeth - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *was sorry to hear of your lose she will be missed my sister kim matthews would like you all to know how sorry she is of the lose*

shelly matthews kendall - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. She was a very sweet and special lady.*

Debbie Coppock - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ georgia,
our thoughts and prayers are with you. your mother
was a wonderful person and was loved by many
friends, and family members. keep her memory
close, and know that she is with you always in
your heart.

ronnie and mary jane wylie - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ MY prayer's are with you and your family in your time of loss.

Andrea,Zack,and Cole Rogers

Andrea Rogers - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Dana Elliott Bonner

Mindy Minze Kujawa - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ To my dear sweet family I Love you very much. Gary Myrle could
not have chosen anyone better.

Vernon Pillans

Vernon Pillans - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Gary, Carolyn & family
Jo Ann

May the memories of your mother and sister and those special times you shared together be of comfort to you now and in the days ahead bringing peace to your heart.

I always enjoyed talking to her when she would come out to Mildred school to pick up the girls. She was so sweet to talk to.

Our thought & prayers are with you and your families.

Peggy Thomas - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Robert and Mary Weaver, Lee and Peggy Toms and John and Darlene Warren*

Darlene Coley Warren - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *So sorry for the loss of your beloved mother/grandmother/great-grandmother. She was a wonderful lady and I'm glad I got to know her even for a little while.*

Cathy

Craig & Cathy Tucker - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Georgia Elliott,

My sincere prayers are with you and your family during this time. You have always been there for me in times like these. You don't know how much your friendship means to me. I'm blessed to have met your mother, such a caring and lovable person. She always made me feel good, just being in her presence. I will miss her, but I will never forget her.

prayerful, Silver

Silver Parhm - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *It saddened me to hear of the passing of such a dear, sweet lady. Although we met just a few years back, it seemed like an almost instant friendship between us. I know how much she loved music, and there will never be a Bristol Opry that I won't miss seeing her sitting out there in the audience. I was hoping that I could play and sing for her one more time, but I guess that just wasn't meant to be. However, I'm sure she will be watching and listening to my songs from Heaven, and one day we will have a great reunion and the music will never end. Bob and I extend our deepest sympathy to her wonderful family.*

Marilyn McConnell - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *The Telephone Company. That's what we always called Southwestern Bell. I worked with Dana for 4 years, '70 to '74. She was one of the sweetest women I ever met. I always thought we were very close to the same age. I kept up with her through Joanne and her daughter who worked at the courthouse. We had many friends in common as well from work. I am proud to call these ladies friends. Girls you will be in my prayers in the coming days as well as many other's. May God comfort you and give you peace.*
Sincerely,
Reba Riley

Reba Riley - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Jada Rose - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM