



Ethel (Gran)

August 21, 2007

Ethel Delores Key ?Gran?, 77, resident of Blooming Grove and formerly of Austin went to be with her Heavenly Father on August 21, 2007 in Corsicana. She was born on March 22, 1930 to Frank Thurman and Ethel Ligon Thurman in Luling, Texas.

Visitation will be held on Thursday evening from 6:00 ? 8:00 p.m. at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home in Corsicana. Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 24, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at New Beginning Family Fellowship Church in Blooming Grove. Burial will be Saturday at 12:00 p.m. at Luling City Cemetery with Rev. Bryan Connally officiating.

Dodie was was born and raised in Luling. After High School she moved to Austin and married Hastings Sullivan Key Jr. on May 5, 1950. When H.S. was called back into the Air Force, she served with the family in Turkey, Germany, Japan, and back to Austin in 1971. She worked for the Austin Independent School District and retired after 20 years. She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for 35 years where she was very dedicated and loved. She volunteered at the Lady Bird Johnson Foundation and worked at the Nursing Practitioners Association. She moved to Blooming Grove after over 30 years in Austin. She attended many Lions Football and Baseball games watching her grandsons play and became a Lion fan. Gran was a member of New Beginnings Family Fellowship Church in Blooming Grove. Gran served her

Lord, husband, family, and community with much love and kindness. She loved to work in her flower gardens and having all the teenagers hang out at the house and pool.

She was preceded in death by her husband H.S. Key, mother and father Ethel and Frank Thurman, brothers Clifton Thurman and Sonny Thurman, sisters Vivian Goodman, Evelyne Franks, and Matlyn Roye.

Survivors include her son Jim Key and wife Sharon of Austin. Daughter Jane Connally and husband Bryan of Blooming Grove. Grandchildren Parker and Garrett Connally, Christy and Van Hilderbrand of Austin, Misty and Scott Green of Houston, Brandy Key of Houston. Nine great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Her loving and kind ways and gentle spirit will be greatly missed.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ethel (Gran)*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Jane and Jim: I can only imagine the sorrow you feel to lose your Mom so soon after your Dad. I always enjoyed being around Dodee - she was full of life and very straightforward with her thoughts. She was such a delight and a great balance for Key. I will never forget her or Key. But, they are now forever embraced in Heaven and Joe and I extend our deepest sympathies to all of you at this time.*

Blee Ficklin - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was so very sad to read of Mrs. Key's passing. I know she will be missed greatly. Her smile was wonderful. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

Beverly Huntsman

Beverly Huntsman - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolence to the family for the loss of Delores. We worked together for years at Linder Elementary. We shared many conversation about our children, grandkids and often got together to catch up after she & I retired. Her last visit with me here at my home in a gathering of the Linder retirees, we really had a wonderful time. Jane & Misty, I heard so many wonderful stories and she loved you all so much.*

Velia Ruiz - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Dodee's passing. My heartfelt sympathy to all her family and friends. She was a delightfully wonderful lady whose company I always enjoyed.

Jaki Jones - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Doty was a sweet and kind lady who was always so nice to me. Whenever I was around her and Hastings she always made me feel so welcome. She's in a better place now and is reunited with Mr. Key in heaven. I truly miss both of them, and would like to extend my heartfelt condolences to the family. Jim and Jane and family, I am truly sorry for your loss, and will continue to pray for you.

Chris ("Pig") Pegues - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Jane, My heartfelt condolences to your family. I have such fond memories of your mother from our days back at the Chofu Teen Club. She treated us all as though we were her own children.

You all are in my prayers.

Debi Hanson

Debi Hanson - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Thank you Mrs. Key. You watched over us all when we were teenagers back at the teen club on the military housing complex called Kanto Mura, in Tokyo Japan.

You touched so many lives, and never knew how your kindness and caring made a difference.

"For as much as you treat the least of these, you treat me".....Mrs. Key, you served the Lord well. Well done, good and faithful servant.

we miss you.

Paul Rettinger - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dear Jane,
I just heard about your mom. I am so sorry. I know how difficult it is to lose a parent, but to be without both must really be difficult. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Love,

Bobbie

Bobbie Marrow - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WE

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Dodie's passing. She was such a delight to know. I will always remember her contagious smile, and the stories she shared about her grandkids. She will be greatly missed. Jane, I pray the grief that you and your family have now is soon replaced by beautiful memories of your mom and dad. God Bless You All.*

Wendy - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

L'

“ *My deepest condolences to the Key family. I remember Mrs. Key fondly from the Teen Club. My mom died peacefully in her sleep in January and I miss her terribly. I know what you are going through and want you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Lesia Tyo '72 - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ *I enjoyed working with Mrs. Key at Linder Elementary. We had many good times together. My family came to know Mr. and Mrs. Key through me. We all became friends sharing our thoughts and trips about U.T. sports and family happenings. Our love goes to you and your family as we think of you at this time. Please know that we will miss both of them and that we will never forget their loving and caring ways shown to all of our family!*

Jerrilyn Zoch - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM