



## Freda McGaha

July 1, 1927 - December 6, 2005

Freda Jo McGaha Freda Jo McGaha, 78, of Corsicana passed away Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, surrounded by her family and friends. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Grififn-Roughton Chapel with Rufus Nutt and Pastor Rick Lamb officiating. Interment will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Wayne Nelson, Mark Nanny, Lamoin Lawhon, Al Fisher, Herman Baldwin and Chris Callaway. Honorary pallbearers will be J.D. Sheppard and Don Sheppard. Freda was born July 1, 1927, in Irene. She was a lover of people and civic duty, starting as far back as 1945 when she was elected a representative of the Democratic Party to lobby in Washington, D.C., to raise minimum wage to 75 cents an hour. She retired after 25 years from Corsicana Nursing Home as social activity director and a lifetime of volunteer work at church, Pioneer Village and Navarro County Food Pantry. Her first love was studying and teaching the Bible to others and making a joyful ?noise? to the Lord. She was preceded in death by her husband of 29 years, R.S. ?Mac? McGaha; mother and dad, Clyde and Rose Dale; and stepdaughter, Barbara Smith. Survivors include three children, Tonja Barnebee and husband Tim and Tracy McGaha and wife Betty, all of Corsicana, and Ronnie McGaha and wife Sherra of Pottsboro; brother, Shep Dale and wife Dodie; sister, Nell Thomerson and husband Tommy; grandchildren, Aundria Barnebee, Amanda Callaway, Rebekah McGaha, Sara Barnebee and Ryan William McGaha; several loving nieces and nephews; step son-in-law, Bill Smith; and step

granddaughter, Robin Berger and husband Mike. Arrangements by Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Freda McGaha*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Ronnie-*

*We are so saddened to hear about your mom. It wasn't that long ago we were visiting in the hallway of the hospital while our daughter and Freda were on the same floor. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Take care and God bless.*

**Corwin & Dawn Whitfield** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. I know you will have many good memories.*

**Becky Murphey** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *I knew Freda through Church (Northside Baptist) and always found her to be pleasant and helpful. She will surely be missed by her many friends and family members. I am recuperating from back surgery or I certainly would have been at her visitation and funeral service.*

*Please KNOW you are in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time for you.*

*May God bless and keep you.*

**B. Jeff and Patricia Stone** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Sorry that I wasn't able to come. My prayers are with you. I will always think of her happiness for all. If you need us for any thing let us know.

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**Thomas Sheppard** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Aundria, our prayers are with you during this difficult time. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. I can't take your exams for you, but I can help in other ways. Please feel free to call anytime.

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**Alison Wylie & Andy Williams** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ Dear Tonja,

*You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,*

*Phyllis English*

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**Phyllis English** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ Your mother was very special to us. We all enjoyed working with her. It was always evident that she was very proud of her children and grandchildren. May God bless you all.

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**Heritage Oaks Rehab Dept** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ To Tonja, Tracy & Ronnie. Your mother was one of the most colorful characters I've ever known. We worked together at Corsicana Nursing Home for 3 years and she was a pleasure to work with. She could light up a room just by walking in. And, no one could remain mad or sad with Freda around. She had a true gift of making people feel good. It's a real shame there aren't more people like her. She will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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**Jan Libal** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Ronnie, My family's thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during your time of loss.

*May God Bless and Keep you all.*

*Stephen G. Andrews Family*

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**Stephen G. Andrews** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Tonja, Tracy & Ronnie - Sorry to hear about your Mom. We visited your Mom about six weeks ago. The "many many" rides to "school" will never be forgotten.

*God bless you all & our prayers are with you!*

*Edward & Lana*

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**Edward & Lana Fullerton** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ YOUR MOM GAVE SO MUCH TO THIS COMMUNITY. SHE WILL BE MISSED. MY SYMPATHY TO YOUR FAMILY.

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**Pat Robinson** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Even tho our time was short, I'll miss you girl.*

*Juanita Sargent*

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**Juanita Sargent** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ *I worked in the laundry at Corsicana Nursing Home and worked with Ms. MaGaha when she was our activity lady. She was fun loving, very energetic, and she loved the patients very much. She seemed to have their best interest at heart at all times.*

*My sympathy is with Tracy and the family.*

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**Easter Lee Green** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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*My sympathy is with Tracy and the family.*

*Easter Lee Green*

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**Easter Lee Green** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Tonja, Aundria, Sara, and Tim: Know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Wendy will always remember Granny's strawberry sponge cake! It was the best. She will always be Granny to all of the kids she shared her life with. The world is a better place and was truly blessed to have been able to share her for a short period of time. Love and prayers - Sarah, Wendy, and Chuck*

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**Sarah Covert** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family with the loss of your mother. May God bless you all and comfort you during this time.*

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**Joan Summitt** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ *MCGAHA FAMILY,  
WE ARE SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. YOU WILL BE IN OUR  
THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.*

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**KATIE IBANEZ** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *I'm so sorry for the families loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I really enjoyed knowing Freda, the years I spent working with Tracy. I haven't had a good pie in years!*

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**Shonnie Graham** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ TRACY, I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE IN MY PRAYERS.

LOVE,  
KIM COSTON

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**KIM COSTON** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ You and your family are in our prayers

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**Larry Sykes** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. God bless you.  
Our love, Ann and Lynda

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**Ann Blount & Lynda Davidson** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ I worked with Freda when she was the activitiy director @ corsicana nursing home & she was a very pleasant & dear lady that was very caring & always put everyone before herself & it's not very easy losing a loved one especially when it it so close to the hoildays but your faith in the lord will pull you through & make it possible to move forward she will be missed.

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**lisa newland** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Tonja, Tracy and Ronnie,*

*You mom was a special lady, and I would say, one of a kind. I have lots of special memories of Freda and Mac.....I think "old" friends from BG (you guys included) are just like family.*

*I know you will miss her, but we all know where she is.....and I bet she is smiling today.*

*Love you all,  
Doris*

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**Doris Lynch** - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM