



Geneva Penney

March 26, 1914 - October 29, 2023

Geneva Penney, age 109, died on Sunday, October 29, 2023, in Corsicana, TX, after a long and joyful life. Geneva was born in Eureka, TX, on March 26, 1914. Mrs. Penney, or “Maw Maw” as she preferred to be called, was a prize-winning jelly maker (having won several blue ribbons at the State Fair of Texas), a world-class cook and baker, a master gardener/canner, and the proudest mother/grandmother/great grandmother/great-great grandmother on the planet. Maw Maw remembered everything and everyone she ever met, even in her final days, and we are so fortunate to have had her with us for 109 years. Geneva was preceded in death by her husband, J.A. Penney, Sr., her son, J.A. Penney, Jr., her daughter, Auralia Wren, three grandchildren, one great grandchild, and one great-great grandchild. She is survived by her daughters Bettie Evans and Barbara Christie (and her husband Elton), grandchildren Gary Penney (Donna), Stephen Wren (LaDonna), Sidney Schutze, Stephanie Gage (Ronnie), Laurie Robertstad (Dave), Julie Evans, Grady

Christie (Karen), and her granddaughter-in-law, Cindy Penney, 13 great grandchildren, 24 great-great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of wonderful friends. The family would like to offer a special thanks to Maw Maw's loving and compassionate caregivers Norma Ruiz, Maybeth Arredondo, Maria Aviles, Mary Guerra, Patricia Berry and Lena Farmer, whose attention and incredible care allowed her to be at home for an extended period of time and comfortable in her final days. We are forever grateful! Graveside services will be held on Friday, November 3, at 1:00 p.m. at Resthaven Cemetery, 5400 W. Highway 31, Corsicana, TX, with Maw Maw's great grandson, Jason Wren, officiating. Honorary pallbearers are Dave Robertstad, Grant Robertstad, Joe Kennemore, Grady Christie, Stephen Wren and Gary Penney. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Eureka United Methodist Church Lord's Acre, % Susan Wisdom, 1305 FM 2859, Corsicana, TX 75109. When asked recently by her great grandson, Grant, for the secret to her long life, Maw Maw responded, "I never smoked or drank, you need to eat lots of vegetables, take exercise, and drink lots of water." She would also remind us all to never go to the mailbox without our hair done or our makeup on because "somebody might see you!"

Previous Events

Graveside Funeral Service

NOV 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

Resthaven Memorial Park
5400 West State Highway 31
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 872-2191

Tribute Wall

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“ *Marsha Taylor lit a candle in memory of Geneva Penney*



Marsha Bonner Taylor - November 19, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Geneva Penney.*



November 02, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Geneva Penney.*



November 02, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Geneva Penney.*

November 02, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Geneva Penney.*



November 02, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Geneva Penney.*



November 01, 2023 at 02:15 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Geneva Penney.*

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“ *Becky Haynie lit a candle in memory of Geneva Penney*



Becky Haynie - November 01, 2023 at 06:50 AM

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“ Patricia Kelly lit a candle in memory of Geneva Penney



Patricia Kelly - October 31, 2023 at 11:37 AM

SR

“ One of the absolute sweetest ladies I ever had the pleasure to help at my job at the bank. And I don't use the word "lady" about everybody. She was always the epitome of what a lady should be. She had a wonderful sense of humor & it was always such a joy to look up & see her walk in. laughed when I heard that she advised not to even go to the mailbox with out fixing your hair & putting on your makeup. I never saw her with a single hair out of place & her makeup was always perfect. The world lost a kind & gentle woman.



Sherri Richardson - October 31, 2023 at 11:11 AM

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Blessed to have known this sweet lady. Loved and missed by many.

Becky Haynie - November 01, 2023 at 06:53 AM