



## Gertrude Starnes

January 26, 1928 - May 4, 2015

Gertrude Starnes passed away on May 4, 2015 in Corsicana. Gertie was born on January 26, 1928 in Germany to George and Clara Nowak. She married Billy Starnes on June 28, 1958 while he was stationed in Aschaffenburg, Germany. He preceded her in death after 35 years of marriage on February 6, 1992.

After moving to the U.S., Gertie and Billy were stationed in Rapid City, SD for a year and a half. From there, they were transferred to Austin, TX. Billy retired in 1963 in El Paso, TX; from there, Billy and Gertie moved to Corsicana. In Corsicana, Gertie worked at Haggard Slack Co. for 25 years until the business moved from Corsicana. She received annual awards for excellence as a supervisor. She will be greatly missed by many of her fellow co-workers. After retirement, Gertie and her husband traveled across the US many times. Gertie gave wonderful home cooked meals and cakes freely to all her friends. She also loved to knit beautiful sweaters. Christmas was her most favorite holiday of the year; she enjoyed decorating her home and sharing it with her friends. She is preceded in death by her husband, Billy Starnes; parents George and Clara Nowak; her sisters Lucia of Germany, Friedl of England, Charlotte of Puerto Rico; her brothers Fritz of West Germany and Rudy of Poland. She also leaves behind many beloved friends, Betty and Hugo Bustamonte of El Paso; her very special friend Karin Roberts, David Zenk, Stanley Roberts, Marjorie, Jessica, Krissi, and Rebecca Bentz, Lee and Lori Armstrong, Juanita Martinez, Ann Williams, Ruth Nelson, and Amir Faryad, all of Corsicana; and

her many friends at “The Station.”

Visitation will be 2 pm Saturday, May 9, 2015 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 3 pm Saturday, May 9, 2015 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home chapel with Bro. Danny Reeves officiating. Burial will follow at Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555  
Corsicana, TX 75110

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

MAY 9. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gertrude Starnes*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Gertrude, since the day we were blessed to meet her has always been a dear and cherished friend. She became family and was loved as Aunt Gertrude to our sons Hugo A, George and our daughter Marie. My wife Betty dearly loved her and will miss visiting and talking to her. We know she is now in the presence of God and enjoying every moment. Thank you Gertrude we love you. Betty and Hugo*

**Betty and Hugo Bustamante** - May 09, 2015 at 07:57 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Gertrude Starnes.*



May 06, 2015 at 10:52 PM



“ *Mezie Okolo & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gertrude Starnes.*



**Mezie Okolo & Family** - May 06, 2015 at 10:01 AM

BG

“Gertie, you will be sorely missed. You were so funny and you always made me feel at home when I came to visit. Sometimes I would stop when I saw you outside and we would talk forever. I know I will see you again one day. I will keep looking for the candy Gertie - don't you worry about it.

*Becky Graham*

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**Becky Graham** - May 06, 2015 at 08:26 AM

MO

“Ms Starnes will be greatly missed. She had become part of our family. My daughters were too fond of you. May your gentle soul rest in perfect peace...Mma & Mezie Okolo, Dallas TX

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**mezie okolo** - May 05, 2015 at 11:32 AM

BB

*Gertrude has been our cherished friend since the day we first met her. She soon became family and our sons Hugo A and George, as well as our daughter Marie, lovingly called her Aunt Gertrude. My wife Betty enjoyed the visits and the frequent conversations. She will surely miss her beloved friend. We wish we could have seen her more often. We know she is in the presence of our Lord and enjoying her eternal life with all of her family and friends who preceded her. Love you always! Hugo Bustamante family*

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**Betty and Hugo Bustamante** - May 09, 2015 at 09:48 AM