



## Hazel Holloway

September 19, 1926 - March 29, 2020

On March 29, 2020, Hazel Ruth Holloway passed from this life. She was lovingly attended by nurses and aids from New Century Hospice and nurses and staff of Legacy West in Corsicana.

Ninety-three years ago on September 19, 1926, a daughter was born Ira Alva and Willie Elizabeth Monroe, a poor sharecropper family in Corbet, Texas. The baby girl was named Hazel Ruth, the youngest of seven sisters.

Hazel grew up knowing the hardships of the Great Depression and WWII and became one of America's "Greatest Generation." At the age of nineteen Hazel, who had never left the county wherein she was born, traveled to Washington, D.C. to serve in the Pentagon as a clerk to do her part in the war effort for America.

After the war's end, Hazel returned to Navarro County Texas, where she became a telephone operator in Corsicana, the county seat. There she met a young U.S. Navy war veteran named John William Russell, the son of a farmer and landowner in the same county. The young couple soon married and by 1951 had two sons, Johnny Monroe and eldest and Wesley Glen his younger brother.

Later in life Hazel and John divorced. Hazel then married Richard Talmage

Holloway, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force in WWII. Hazel and Richard "Bubba" Holloway had a son and named him Richard Talmage after his father.

From Hazel were born three sons and four grandchildren: Leigh Ann Russell Lewis, Dustin Martin Russell, Hagen Thomas "Lewt" Holloway, and Trey Richard Holloway. Hazel was also blessed with five great-grandchildren; Quenton Seth Lewis, Linzie Nicole Lewis, Lex Kade Lewis, Addison Nova Holloway, and Waylon Tripp Holloway. Hazel, the matriarch of our family, was blessed with two loving daughters-in-law: Carolyn Ann Coker Russell, wife of Johnny, and Daisy Sylvia Carson Russell, wife of Wesley.

We, the sons of Hazel, are the product of a little girl born into poverty, raised during the darkest of days of the twentieth century, who rose above all challenges to rear three boys to become -- each in his own way -- responsible, respectable, and patriotic Christian men. For your lifetime of love and labor, we are forever in your debt.

We, the fortunate sons and our families, all love you so.

By Johnny the eldest of Hazel's three sons.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, April 1, 2020 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Private Family Interment will be at Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery with Bro Gary Johnson officiating.

# Cemetery Details

## Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555  
Corsicana, TX 75110

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Hazel Holloway*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Wes, I am sorry to hear about the loss of you Mother. She was a special person who made everyone feel loved. I thought of her often. I was blessed to have her in my life even if for a short time. God bless you, Johnny & Richie*

**Sandi Russell Cherry** - May 16, 2020 at 12:03 AM



“ *Prayers for you boys (Johnny, Wes and Richie) and your families. Sorry we can't be with you to celebrate the life of Hazel whom I've known all my life 🙏❤️*

**Jaynie Johnston** - April 01, 2020 at 02:24 PM



“ *Enjoyed knowing Hazel. She was a terrific lady. Condolences to Wesley and Daisy Russell. Love, Patty Toland*

**patty toland** - March 31, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ *Sincere sympathy to the family Sue Teague and Bryant Hawkins*

**Sue Teague** - March 31, 2020 at 05:40 PM

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“ *Condolences to the family. We are thinking of and sending Prayers to all.  
Love, Paula & Glenn*



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**Paula Pittman** - March 30, 2020 at 09:13 PM

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“ *I can remember Hazel since Johnny, Wes & us girls we're kids. She and Mom continued to talk on the phone pretty much daily until mom passed.  
She was such a loving caring person, her smile and laughter was contagious, she was a very special lady.  
Johnny, Wes, Richie & Families our deepest sympathies and condolences.*

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**Nelda Gorden** - March 30, 2020 at 03:20 PM

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“ *Ritchey  
I'm sorry to hear about Aunt Hazel. I haven't seen y'all in years. I'll include my phone number if you ever want to call. My love and condolences to all of you brothers. I'm your daddy's (Bubba) brother's (Jack) daughter, Jo Rene. 479-640-6007 We live in Bentonville AR.*

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**Jo Rene Holloway Jones** - March 30, 2020 at 02:23 PM