



Lila Rutherford

August 31, 1908 - November 5, 2006

Lila Rutherford Lila Rutherford, 98, of Corsicana passed away Sunday, Nov. 5, 2006, at Twilight Home. Graveside services will be 3 p.m. today at Grange Hall Cemetery with Pastor Mark Luera officiating. Lila Rutherford was born Aug. 31, 1908, in Barry to William Benjamin Rutherford and Mary Ardenia Butler Rutherford. She graduated from Barry High School in 1924. She earned a bachelor's degree from North Texas State Teachers College in Denton in 1935 and a degree from the Baylor University School of Nursing in Dallas, also in 1935. In 1945 she earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. After working as a public health nurse for various government agencies from Detroit, Mich., to Austin, Texas, Miss Rutherford returned to Navarro County in 1946. She began a long career here as a public health nurse for all the schools in Navarro County, employed by the Navarro County Health Department. After a few years, the Corsicana Independent School District hired her to be the school nurse for Corsicana only. Miss Rutherford retired from that position in 1973. Survivors include her nieces and nephew, Frances Seales and Geneva Drane, both of Alabama, and Charles Rutherford of Dallas.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lila Rutherford*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM

“Nursie,

I'm a day late and a dollar short getting to paying my respects, but if there is anyone on God's earth that would be understanding of that, it would be you. Encourager, healer, bandager, confidant, teller of jokes, writer of poetry, but best of all friend to us ALL. I think it would be hard for anyone to have known you and NOT to have been influenced by you. And yet, all you ever did was just be yourself. That's all you had to do. Because of the special person that God made, when he made you, YOU changed SO MANY people's lives . . . so much for the better and did it with grace and dignity and service to your fellow man. I will forever be in your debt, until we meet again.

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim
Because it was grassy and wanted wear,
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I marked the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,*

*I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

Brian A. McDaniel - November 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Words, thoughts and memories can never express the sincerity of Love and enrichment that Mrs. Rutherford shared with my family throughout our lives there in Corsicana and thereafter in our move to Dallas. Years of joy and tears. Above all, adopting my brother Joe as her own to mentor and guide thru all his accomplishments and more. Truly it can be said, CHRIST'S LOVE was deep in her soul. Her life deeply impacted one's heart to all the advice and care she blessed us with. A living angel we had among us.*

Jesse Mora Jr - November 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Miss Rutherford was instrumental in my life and in my becoming a nurse. I was in the Corsicana schools from the 1-11 grades and I was always a member of the future nurses' club. Ms Rutherford always encouraged me to follow my dream and take lots of science courses which I did. I have now been a registered nurse for some 43 years. I am currently retired, but am planning to work part-time after the holidays.*

So sorry to hear of her passing, but know she lead a rich and full life. She touched the lives of so many. I saw her several years ago and she gave me a pair of bandage scissors that I still have. A wonderful person and a wonderful nurse as well.

Jo Ann Henry Billings - November 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *May God Bless You Always, "Baby Sister."
I am so sorry you have left us here all alone, you have always been such excellent company. But I rejoice in knowing you once again can see clearly. I will always cherish the note you sent me, "May we bear the unpleasant and share the pleasant."
Big Brother,
Nils A. Rutherford*

Tom & Bette Anderson - November 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to a great, grand lady whom we have enjoyed thru the years to visit and listen to stories and wonderful thoughts and whips. Definitely gone on to live with the Lord.
Lovingly,
Doris Laverne, Ron & Candace May*

Ron, Doris and Candace May - November 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Lila was a joy to visit and talk to. She truly loved my six Rutherford children.
We will miss our visits with her and the great lunches we enjoyed with her at her favorite restaurant and the lunches we took in when she lived at home.
Pearl & Roy Turner
Donald Gene Rutherford
Aubrey Dean Rutherford
Doris Laverne Rutherford Sinclair May
Danny Oren Rutherford
Dennis Lee Rutherford Stimpson
James Dewight Rutherford Stimpson*

Pearl Collins Rutherford Turner - November 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Lila Rutherford was a very loving great aunt. When I got the chance to go to Corsicana. My family and stopped in to see her all the time. Aunt Lila would have something for my son Patrick. Which was her great , great, nephew. We will miss her dearly.*
Love Donald Gene, Sarah, and Patrick Rutherford

Donald Gene Rutherford - November 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *We have all lost a very special individual. Lila will be missed by many. We send our sympathy to her nieces, friends and other family members.*

joanne mcgary - November 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Knowing and being with Lila has enriched my life through the years. She was one of the Lord's special angels sent to take care of His countless children through the years. I will miss her wonderful wit and kindness.*
Babbette Samuels

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