



## Lillie Lawler

September 19, 1923 - August 8, 2012

Lillie Celesta Richards-Lawler, 88, of Purdon (Navarro Mills) passed away on August 8, 2012 at Trisun Care Center in Corsicana. She was born September 19, 1923 in the town of Murchison, Henderson County to the late James Benjamin (Ben) and Julia Letita Hobbs Richards. On September 19, 1939 she was united in marriage to the late J. Olin Lawler. Lillie is survived by her sister and husband, Jackie D. and Earl Edwards of Murchison; sister, Edna Richards-Crump of Grand Prairie; brother and wife, James and Marcia Richards of Dallas; daughter and her husband, Joann and Jerry Pommerening of Purdon (Navarro Mills); son and his wife, Jim and B.J. Lawler of Chickasha, Oklahoma; 11 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and many many friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, B.C. and Bill Richards; sister, Mary Lou Richards-Slater; daughter, Fredna Lawler-Turner and husband J. Olin Lawler. Funeral services for Lillie Celesta Lawler will be held at 2:00pm Saturday, August 11th at the First Baptist Church 208 South Kerr Street, Blooming Grove. Pastor Grady Cashion will officiate assisted by Pastor Robert Easterling and Associate Pastor Carson Hastings. Visitation will be held from 5-8pm Friday, August 10th at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Memorial funds have been established in her name at First Baptist Church 208 South Kerr St. Blooming Grove. Texas 76626. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow. (Jeremiah 31:13)



# Tribute Wall



“ *Lillie Lawler*

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October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Grammy,*

*I remeber all the times that you and Papaw came to my football games and U.I.L. contest to watch me perform in flags. I remember also the puppets, choir and GMA. We had so many good times. I remember the summers that I spent with you here and at Corsicana. You were a very special part of my life.*

*Today, the Lord called a very special angel home, but I look forward to the day that I will be able to join you.*

*Love,  
Laura Allen*

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**Laura Allen** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Grammy,

*I am going to miss you a lot. I remember all the times that you and Pawpaw came to my football and U.I.L band contest to see me perform in flags. All the puppet memories, choir, GMA and the many dinners, and spending summers at your house here and in Corsicana.*

*Today the Lord welcomed an Angel home, and though you will be missed here on earth and our hearts will be saddened, I look forward to the day, that I will see you again in Heaven...Please say hello to Pawpaw and all my family and friends.*

*With Love,  
Laura*

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**Laura Allen** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Lillie Lawler

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**Frances and Randy Bush** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Thank you, God, for all of the time that you allowed me to spend with our Grammy. She has been a gift from you. She has taught me so many things through the years. She's taught me faith in You, Lord. She has taught me patience, kindness, giving, singing, how to love, laugh and cherish my family. She has taught me discipline and selflessness. She has taught me honor and respect. She has taught me how to live and laugh. If I could become even close to the person she has been, I would feel blessed by You. Please allow all of her good works throughout the years to carry on and continue in our family and her memory to be honored through us all.*

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**Stephanie Turner & Roger Wear** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Joanne and Jerry, our prayers and thoughts are with you and have been ever since Nova told us that your mother was so ill. I am sorry that I haven't called you before now. I loved Miss Lillie very much. She was so much fun to be around. I will always cherish our times together. I know that you will miss her more than anyone could even imagine. When memories are all you have left, you can be thankful that you have really good memories. We love you and hope to see you soon. Love, Mary & Bob*

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**Mary McFarlin Estes** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Joann,  
I love Grammy very much, she was always like a grandmother to me. I thought about the year the youth group went to Memphis and we went to Graceland.. she was always smiling and laughing. She was a role model of many people, of what a good Christian woman should be.  
I haven't seen her in along time, but I never forgot her and what she always has meant to me.*

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**BARBARA JONES BARHAM** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ JOANN AND FAMILY I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. BUT WE DO KNO THERE IS A REUNION GOING ON RIGHT NOW N HEAVEN. ALTHOUGH I KNOW YOU WILL MISS HER SO MUCH IN THE DAYS AHEAD, WE ALSO KNOW THAT YOU CAN REJOICE IN KNOWING THAT SHE IS IN THE LOVING ARMS OF OUR LORD. I HAVE ALWAYS LOVED MISS LILLIE, WHEN WE WALKED TOGETHER WE HAD A LOT OF FUN AND YOUR DAD WAS ALWAYS CHECKING UP ON US IF HE THOUGHT WE WERE TOO LONG WALKING WE ALL LOVED THEM BOTH SO MUCH. AND MAY THE LRD WRAP HIS LOVING ARMS AROUND HER FAMILY

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**mary and don slater** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ *Family;*

*We have you in our prayers. May the Lord's richest blessings be upon you. May He wrap his loving arms around each of you and hold you close in this time of sorrow. Ms. Lilly will be missed by many and was loved by all. We love you,*

*Ervin and Sheral*

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**Ervin & Sheral Phillips** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ *Our prayers and sympathies are with you at this time. Ms Lillie was loved by many. I so enjoyed the time spent with her and Bro. Lawler at Community and feel blessed to have known both of them. They were a fine Christian example to many. Your mom will be missed. In Christian love, Beth and Dan Nemeth*

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**Beth Nemeth** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ Joann, Jerry, and family our thoughts and prayers are with you. Lillie was always such a sweet and special lady. She had a big part in getting Wayne and I together. Bro. Lawler married us 36 years ago last June. They were both very special to us. May God comfort you during this time.

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**Wayne and Sheila Patrick** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Sorry for your loss our prayers go out to the family. She was a wonderful woman and will be missed dearly.

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**Jessica Hall** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Memories are treasures that time cannot destroy. Aunt Lillie will be with us in our fondest memories...but we will be with her again, where God's children live forever in the beauty of His love. In the meantime, Aunt Lillie will be greatly missed..  
Our thoughts and prayers for the family and friends that will be so affected by her passing. Love, Deborah

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**Deborah Griffin** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ JoAnn and Jerry & Family, Earl and I loved Lillie. She has ment so much to us thru the years. Her and J. Oland are having a good time with Jesus now! We love you all and you have probly heard why we couldn't come to the funeral but our hearts are there. Our prayers are with you. Love, Earl and Del Middleton.

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**Earl and Delmarie Middleton** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I know it is sad to lose your mom, but just know that she is celebrating with all the loved ones who have gone on before her (just think of all the people of Eighth Street who will rejoice to see her in heaven).

May God give you peace, comfort and love during this time of sorrow.

God Bless  
Maudeen

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Maudeen McCormick - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ She was a great Aunt and will be missed alot but I know she is Happy in Heaven.

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Drayton Edwards - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Brother and Sister Lawler were always a special blessing to me (Linda Ball) and my family since I was a little girl and our family joined 8th Street. You were both such wonderful Christian people and you were an excellent example to us all of what a true Christian should act and be like. I thank the Lord that He placed you both in our lives. Even though I know that you will be greatly missed, Mrs. Lillie, I know that you are rejoicing in heaven with your Lord, your husband and all the others who have gone on before you. You will always be in our hearts and we will always remember your examples of love, caring, devotion (not only to your own family but to your church family), concern, and giving. I know that the Lord opened His arms and said "Well done thy good and faithful servant". You will be greatly missed but never forgotten. Someday we will be with you again.

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Dave & Linda (Ball) Bentley - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Joanne,  
*I'm so sorry for your loss, Mrs. Lawler will be deeply missed. I remember all the great trips we took at Eighth Street Youth Group.... Maybe we can come see you and Jerry soon, I would love to see you again.... God be with you and your family ing this time of sorrow...*

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**Shonna Blanchard Goad** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM