



## Mary (Ponder) Stockard

May 2, 2009

Mary Catherine Ponder Stockard departed this life on May 2, 2009 to the presence of the Lord. Catherine, was the third child, the second daughter born to William Freeman Ponder Sr. and Nannie Gray Albritton Ponder on December 18, 1917 in Frost, Texas. She had two brothers "Bill" Freeman Ponder Jr., and David Ponder who preceded her in death. She has four sisters; Norine Ponder, Gay Wright, Elizabeth Froese, and Robbie Elmore, two sister-in-laws; Ava Nell Ponder and Ann Ponder and one brother-in-law Harold Elmore. Also, she has many nieces and nephews surviving. She graduated from Frost High School and Baylor University. Catherine accepted the Lord as her personal Savior in August 1928 at a revival meeting at the Frost Baptist Church. She moved to Dallas in 1941 where she worked and was married. She lived in Corsicana during the time that her husband was overseas in WWII and where their first child Sharon was born. They moved to Fort Worth in 1948 where Nan was born. They moved with their two daughters to Burnet in 1950 when her husband accepted the pastorate of the Bible Baptist Church and where their son David was born and then moved back to Fort Worth in 1952 where Jonathan was born. They moved to graham in January 1955 when her husband accepted the pastorate of Morningside Baptist Church. They lived their until 1986 when they moved to Palastine. In August 2007 she and her husband moved to Corsicana. Catherine was married to Buford Collins Stockard for 66 years. They were married in Dallas at Central Baptist Church on July 3, 1942 by Dr. Luther C. Peak. She is survived by her

husband Buford, two daughters and two sons and their spouses; Sharon Stockard Cearley and husband Jerry, Nan Stockard, David Stockard and wife Linda, and Jonathan Stockard and wife Lisa. Nine grandchildren and spouses; Brendon Cearley and Natalie, Holly Baldwin and Frank, Melissa, David Jr., and Angela Stockard, and Erika, Emily, Ethan , and Evann Stockard. Five great grandchildren; Adam, Hailey, and Lucy Cearley and Ava and Luke Baldwin. Catherine was always a very busy pastors wife during the years at Burnett and Graham. She was a gifted teacher of the Bible. She taught Sunday School for many years and helped out in church playing the piano when needed, and taught in a Christian School in Graham. Visitation will be held Tuesday morning from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel on Tuesday May 5, 2009 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home with her sons David Stockard and Jonathan Stockard officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Corsicana. Pallbearers will be David Stockard, Jonathan Stockard, David Stockard Jr., Brenden Cearley, Frank Baldwin and Harold Elmore. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Morningside Baptist Church in Graham, Calvary Baptist Church in Palastine, First Baptist Church of Corsicana, or a charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary (Ponder) Stockard*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Cathrine was a very sweet lady that will be greatly missed. She is in a better place with no more pain.  
Yall are in our thought and prayers!  
God Bless You during this difficult time.*

Lara Pattison - May 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Nan, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I also lost my grandmother Sunday and although they will both be greatly missed we know they are in a better place. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Donna Marrs - May 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *sorry for your lose she was a great person*

nelda bennett - May 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our Prayers and thoughts are with you and the family.*

*I remember all the Bible lessons and of course a verse that was sung "Heavenly Sunlight."*

Wanda Crow,MaryDawn Eady - May 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know that Mrs. Stockard and mom are rejoicing together and looking down on us with love. Thanks Mrs. Stockard for all the Bible lesson, I would not be who I am today without them.  
Love to you all,  
Sharon Singleton Jameson

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**Sharon Singleton Jameson** - May 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I was saddened to hear of Mrs Stockard's passing. While growing up in Graham, I attended Morningside Baptist Church and also lived just a block away. Jonathan and I were close friends. Although after growing up, I lost contact with the Stockard family, I have ofyen wondered what happened to Jonathan and his family. I lost my parents a few years back and I thank Rev. and Mrs. Stockard for being there for them. I wish the Stockard family confort in this time... my thoughts are with you.

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**John Paul Beard** - May 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Mary (Ponder) Stockard

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**Debbie Kendrick** - May 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DK

“*Dear Brother Stockard and Family,  
I'm sorry for your loss. Catherine was always a friendly and out-going person. She was an encourager.  
Dad and I had just been talking about you a few days earlier and wondering where you were and how you were.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We think alot of your whole family.*

*In Christ,  
Debbie Kendrick*

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**Debbie Kendrick** - May 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM