



## Mary Richards

August 30, 1923 - April 8, 2010

Mary Ruth (Norwood) Richards, 86, of Corsicana entered heaven on April 8, 2010. Mary was born August 30, 1923 in Retreat, Texas to Clarence and Dottie Norwood. She was raised by her Aunt Susie (Gillen) Gideon. Mrs. Richards graduated from Blooming Grove High School. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Corsicana and a life time member of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Richards retired from Texas Utilities in 1987 with 32 years of service. Mrs. Richards was preceded in death by her husband George E. Richards, Sr.; son, Stanley Dale Richards; brothers, Glen and Miller Norwood; sister, Opal Dean Norwood and her beloved Aunt Susie (Gillen) Gideon. Mrs. Richards is survived by her two daughters, Dottie Stubblefield and husband Jack, Patricia Ann Hobba and husband Raymond; two sons, John Richards and wife Jean, George E. (Eddie) Richards Jr.; sister in law, Georgia Norwood; six grandchildren; six great grandchildren; two nieces and one nephew. Visitation will be held from 6-8pm Monday, April 12th. Services will be 1:00pm Tuesday, April 13th at Griffin-Roughton Chapel with Bro. Floyd Petersen officiating. Interment will follow at Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Larry Norwood, Jerry Anderson, Gordon Wilson, Charles Knott, Kylan Williams, Jerry Jones.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Richards*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *I pray for peace and comfort.*

**Albert Bass** - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to "Memaw's" family. We loved her and appreciate the kindness and love she always showed us. We will never forget her beautiful smile.*

**Lisa Jones & Brooke Adams** - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dottie,  
It's been 30+ years since I last saw you, but over the years I often had opportunities to visit with your mother. I'm so sorry for your loss. Mary was a beautiful lady and I will always remember her contagious smile. May God's love see you through this most difficult time.*

**Bobbi (Joyner) Nesmith** - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Mary and my mother, Hazel Merrell, were good friends for a long time through the Eastern Star and the Church. Dottie was the flower girl in my wedding some 50 years ago. I left Corsicana 50 years ago and only saw Mary a few times when I was in Corsicana. She was a really sweet person and very thoughtful. I know how much mother thought of her even though mother was much older. My prayers are with all of you. Love, Pat Welkener

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**Pat Merrell Welkener** - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My father and Mary's mother were brother and sister. I loved Mary as if she were my sister. I would spend two weeks every year on Aunt Susie's chicken farm out from Blooming Grove. I always looked forward to seeing my Aunt Susie, Mary and grandmother Missouri Elizabeth (Johnson) Gillen. Reading by coal oil lamps, sleeping on feather beds and feeding the chickens. One year, they had an Aladdin lamp, boy, what a difference. Mary and I drew closer in our later years. My wife, Evelyn and I would spend the night with her on our yearly visit to Mexia for the New Hope cemetery reunion. Dottie, I am so glad you got to take care of your mother the past year. You will cherish this time more as the years go by. Evelyn and I pray that God will comfort you and all of Mary's family in this time of sorrow.

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**Jeff Porter Gillen** - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mary was a wonderful woman. She was always so sweet to me and made me feel so welcome when I was in her home. She was very much like Aunt Susie as they were both two of the sweetest people on the planet. Please take comfort that she is with your Dad, Aunt Susie, Stanley and a host of others who love her.

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**Debra Travis-Davis** - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Johnny, Eddie, Dottie,

*You and your families are in my prayers during this difficult time. I miss seeing all of you, and often think of you and our years on West 5th Ave.*

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**Clark Craig** - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *I'm sorry to learn of the passing of your mother. While we were not related, she always seemed like a distant cousin. She was raised by Aunt Susie and her husband Adolphus (Dolly) Gideon. "Dolly" was my grandmother's brother who died in 1940. My sister and I spent our high school years living with my grandmother in Corsicana. When my father died, my mother moved back to Corsicana where she lived until she died in 1988. After that I only returned to Corsicana for a couple of class reunions in 1997 and again in 2007. Mary Ruth and I exchanged Christmas cards with each other until the early 1990's when I lost track of her.*

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**Paul Kessinger** - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ *Mary Ruth was a fun person who will be missed. Please accept my sympathy for the great loss you are suffering.*

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**Marsha Norwood Odom** - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Dottie, I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was always very kind to my family. You know we are praying for you and love you very much. I know God will comfort you and give you His peace that passes all understanding. I LOVE YOU!*

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**Mika Reynolds** - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ Dottie and Family: I am so sorry for your loss. I have kept up with you through your Mom. She always knew who I was when we would meet out shopping...She was a sweet and wonderful lady, I will always hold her in my memories...God Bless !

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**Vickie Onstott Tomlin** - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Attended Aunt Mary's sweet service today. Many kind words were said & folks were there that I had not seen in a long time ! She was a beautiful lady & I hold to many precious memories of Aunt Mary!

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**Linda Norwood Wade** - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



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DR

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will remember your family in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Debbie McGaugh Rodriguez** - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Sherry McGaugh Dowd** - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *When we had a viewing for Laverne at this funeral home, I was trying every way possible to notify Mary Ruth of her passing. When I asked Mr. Roughton if he had any ideas about how to contact her, I was saddened to learn that she had passed just a few weeks before Laverne. May they find one another in the Kingdom of Heaven and have a good laugh about it.*

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**Grady Harris** - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM