



Mary (Woodring) Formby

June 21, 2007

Mary Ruth (Woodring) Formby, 95, a resident of Corsicana for 71 years, the last 11 as a resident of Heritage Oaks, passed away Thursday, June 21, 2007 at Heritage Oaks Retirement Village. Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. today at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church with B.F. Risinger Jr. and Bill Honea officiating. Pallbearers will be her grandsons. Mrs. Formby was born July 28, 1911 in Plainview. She was a member of First Baptist Church for more than 70 years. She was a director of the 4- and 5-year-old Sunday School Department for more than 40 years. She sang in the Solid Rocker Choir for many years, along with being active in the Woman's Missionary Union. Her love of church work led to many mission trips to Haiti, Canada and places throughout the United States. She was a homemaker until her children were grown, and then she worked as a kindergarten teacher at the State Home. She attended Navarro College to further her education. For 14 years, Mrs. Formby worked as a manager of Parkway Marble and Granite Co., selling and designing monuments. The Formby monument design was chosen to go in the "Rock of Ages" memorials, a book done by Norman Rockwell, and was included in his publication. She treasured the certificate of merit from him. For 10 years, she worked as a nurse's attendant at Navarro County Memorial Hospital, where she fell in love with small babies. When her children were in school, she served as an officer for many years in PTA. Later, she was president of the

City Parent-Teacher Organization. She enjoyed her work as an auxiliary member at Navarro Regional Hospital. Ruth served as president of that auxiliary from 1989-1990. She was a charter member of the Altrusa Club, the group that started the program of Food for Fitness, better known as Meals on Wheels. Ruth was known for her beautiful art work in china painting and oil painting. She loved to paint and give her paintings away. Many people across the community have beautiful pieces that she painted. She taught china painting for several years. Along with her painting, she was an accomplished musician. She played for years at the church and the local nursing homes. At 95 years of age, she was still playing the piano for the residents where she lived. Before health problems, she loved to travel. Her travels took her to many places all over the world. Memorials can be made to the Building Fund, First Baptist Church, or Alzheimer's Association. A special thanks to the Heritage Oaks staff for the wonderful care given and to Pat Watkins, her caregiver for the past year. She was preceded in death by her parents, C.B. and Ruby Woodring; husband Andrew Franklin Formby in 1973; grandchild Andrew James Formby; great-grandchild, Colton Lee Knauth; sisters Christine Bristow, Doris Sturges and Wanda Westmoreland; and brothers Willard Woodring and Lee Woodring. Ruth is survived by two sons, Bill Formby and wife Katrine of Austin, and Ed Formby and wife Joanne of Corsicana; daughter Patty Knauth and husband Calvin of Eureka; grandchildren Jim Formby and wife Carol of Bedford, Tim Formby and wife Kim of Steuben, Maine, Donna Hair of Corsicana, Amy Cook and husband Michael of Eureka, and Kurt Knauth and wife Michelle of Eureka; eight great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; brother Wayne Woodring of Dallas; and numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary (Woodring) Formby*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *What an amazing woman. I didn't remember some of the wonderful things Aunt Ruth did during her life. What a wonderful, giving person she was and what things she accomplished. I know she is going to be missed by everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Sharon*

Sharon Walton - June 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *With my deepest sympathy*

Maudine Shelton - June 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bill & family,
Our thoughts are with you during this time with deepest & understanding sympathy.
Linda Norwood Wade*

Linda Norwood Wade - June 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ruth was truly a remarkable woman. She will be remembered and missed by many whose lives she touched. Our deepest sympathy goes out to all her family and friends.*

Marilyn & Bob McConnell - June 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dear members of the (Woodring/Formby) Family.

We grieve with you as you suffer the loss of a loved one.

You are in our Prayers !!!

Bob and Jane Clark

Bob and Jane Clark - June 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Bill, Ed, JoAnn and families,
The years that have passed have never dimmed my affection for your wonderful mother. I am saddened by her passing and send my loving thoughts to all of you. My best, Carol Ann

Carol Davenport Azzaro - June 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *So sorry to hear of your mothers passing. She certainly had a full life didn't she? You and your families are in my prayers.*

Sonya Osborne Burnett - June 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I have some great memories of "Ruthie", as we called her, and I spent many a day at her home between August '82 thru May '83. At that time Ruth so graciously opened her home to a young lady named Kathy, to live with her as Kathy worked for the Baptist Student Union at Navarro College. Kathy and I got to be close friends, so I was over at the house quite often. Ruth often joked about running a home for "Unwed Girls", much to the dismay of some, until she explained it just meant we were single. But knowing Ruth to be a godly woman, she would have easily housed unwed mothers, because that's what kind of Christian she was! So to Patty, Ed and Bill, my deepest sympathies to you and your families, because I know how hard it is to lose your Mom. But I look forward to one day seeing her again, and worshipping our LORD side by side with her in Heaven. I will always have a special place in my heart for Ruth Formby.

Suzanne Fluker - June 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM