



Peggy Mathes

November 20, 1942 - March 26, 2011

Peggy Sue Waits Mathes, born November 20, 1942 in Fort Worth, the only child of Charles Murphy Waits and Lillian Tinsley Thompson Waits departed her earthly home for her heavenly one with her Lord Jesus Christ on March 26, 2011. Peggy lived her younger years in Fort Worth then her parents and grandparents bought a farm in Mildred. Peggy attended elementary school in Navarro and high school in Fort Worth at Arlington Heights when her parents moved back to Fort Worth. She dropped out of high school her senior year to marry Chilton M. Mathes in 1960, and they moved to the farm in Mildred in 1962 and raised their family. Peggy worked from the time she was 16 years old, starting as a bakery assistant. When she married and moved to Mildred she worked the farm with her husband and parents. She became an established seamstress working for the glove factory, Adams Hat, Hagger Slacks for 20 years, and assisting her husband with his upholstery business. When Hagger Slacks closed she landed the position that was the joy of her careers. She was hired by Mildred ISD to work in their cafeteria. She loved to and was a superb cook and she loved and invested in children, so this was the perfect position. So she could set the right example for her grandchildren Peggy studied for and passed her GED. She then enrolled at Navaro College and took some computer and math courses. She decided she would stick with cooking and pursued education in nutrition. Retirement came to early for her, it was the week of her retirement in 2009 she discovered she again had cancer. She had fought and beat breast cancer and melanoma in the past.

This time it was brain cancer originating from the kidney. She didn't question "why me", but lived with the "what". What does God want me to do this day and how can he be honored. Peggy was a faithful member of Providence Baptist Church. Having few blood relatives, her church and her community was her family. She poured her life into both and served both until she could no longer physically do so. She served her children as well tending the farm alongside her son and ministering to her daughter and family in Florida. It was in Florida that Peggy established a second family as she joyfully prepared delicious meals for the Rocky Bayou Baptist Church Youth Summer Camp. For six years she invested in young and old and her Florida family will miss her dearly. Peggy is survived by her sister Jan Rasco and husband Glen of Boyce. Children: Pam Bristol and husband Ken of Niceville, Florida, Charlie Mathes and wife Michelle of Mildred, and Penny Raby and husband Fred of Hewitt. Also two very special traveling buddies, Mrs. Polly Smith and Mrs. Patricia Pritchett of Mildred. Peggy's grandchildren Jarret, Daniel, Ashli, Chelsie, Mikayla, and all the adopted ones, were the joy of her life. She spoke words of life, love, and hope to them daily. While being saddened by her heavenly departure each of them will have been forever impacted by her love for God and his Word and her unselfish serves to others. Preceding her in death are her parents Charles Murphy Waits (1990) and Lillian Tinsley Thompson (1981) and her husband Chilton M. Mathes (2001). Being a practical and frugal women, peggy has requested in lieu of flowers that her friends consider investing in one of the following. Mildred ISD Library, Youth Department of your local church, or The Heights Tutoring Center (2401 Partin Drive North Niceville, Florida 32578. Peggy would want each of you to know her Savior, Jesus Christ, personally and live each day as if it were the last day for Him you had to live. (John 10: 27-31) Visitation will be Monday evening from 6 - 8 pm at Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 3:30 pm at Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Gerry Neal and Pastor Randall Evett officiating. Burial will follow at Eureka Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Don Jock, Jerry

Reagan, Stephen Wiggins, Joe Rash, Rick Rash, and Sammy Ward.
Honorary pallbearers will be Dell Nutt, Franklin Boyte, and Martin Jenkins.

Tribute Wall



“ *Peggy Mathes*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *My only memories of Mrs. Mathes are from my days as a student at Mildred. However, after reading her beautiful obituary I feel honored to have had that glimpse into her life. The words said about her are so touching, I believe everyone on this earth should strive to live their life in a way that would earn them the privilege of being remembered in the way that she will be. She was and will continue to be an inspiration.*

Ashley Hanna - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I always enjoyed speaking with Peggy. I know that she has battled a long hard fight against cancer. I was sad to visit her in the hospital when she first found out. I will miss seeing her around the school at various events. May God keep his arms wrapped around you during this time and may your fond memories of Peggy bring you comfort.*

Pamela Thomas - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Dear Ones,

We send our love to you in the Lord Jesus Christ and are praying for you. And we bless the Lord for the promise of His Word to Peggy by God's great grace, "an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for" her(1Peter 1:3-9). May the God of peace surround you with a sense of His presence and comfort.

Carey and Rynette Olson - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *Charlie and family: I am SO sorry to hear about Peggy. She was a beautiful lady with wonderful qualities. She will be missed dearly by so many people. I will be praying for you during this time. Pray for peace and comfort to hold you all thru. May God Bless you all.*
Love,
Violet

Violet Burns Crum - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *she was a amazing lady if she thought you needed help with fundraiser she was there she help our fire dept many of times she will be greatly missed in our town of mildred our love and prayers to her family members*

pam carpenter - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ZM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Peggys. She has left this world, but not without a fight, which being a fighter was one of her strongest strengths, along with many more. We will miss her dearly, her laugh, her smile, her frown, and her tears. She is at peace now, and may we rejoice in this.

Zane & Robert McCarter - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Peggy will be missed dearly, her place will be vacanted on the pew at church, but her spirit will be with us always. It will be hard to replace her, who is going to keep Martin in place, she'd tell you it was her job to see he conducted the music properly! There's no one else that can do that but her. If Peggy was your friend you knew it, she had her own way of saying things to comfort you when you were down. Standing strong on her believes, not holding back. Last Tuesday when I last seen Peggy, she talked very little. She told me she was leaving, she was getting out of here, she would see me there in a little while. I knew what she was saying and said ok. I find great peace in knowing I will see her again. Prayers and Love to her family, today, and the days to come till we meet her again.

Betty & Franklin Boyte - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Mrs Peggy,

What can I say about her... She was always smiling, always kind and considerate.. I loved her in so many ways.. I am very sorry to hear of your loss. My deepest thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time of grief. Mrs. Peggy will be dearly missed.

Lauretta Adams - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ We would like for the Family to know that Peggy will be truly missed. Peggy was one of the most wonderful person anyone could ever know. Funny, Loving, Caring, Silly and just fun to be around. Everytime you saw Peggy she always had a smile on her face and something nice to say and had a Big Huge Heart and we will all MISS PEGGY!!

Wes,Wade,Jesse,Kim Smith - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM