



Willena Russell

September 20, 1918 - January 26, 2011

Willena Russell, 92, of Corsicana went to be with the Lord on January 26, 2011. She was born on September 20, 1918 to Ruby and Zelma Boyte in Emhouse. Willena was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Edwin, J Lynn and Katherine Boyte; her husband of 49 years, Clifton Russell and her son Bill Russell. She is survived by her sister, Faye Hair of Madill, Oklahoma; daughter and son-in-law Pat and Billy Nelson of Corsicana; grandchildren, Raymie Russell of Taunton, MA, Ronda, Jack and Jacqueline Crowley of Dennis Port, MA, Steve, Becky, Ethan and Jacob Russell of Keene, NH, Billy Wayne Nelson of Ft Worth, Melanie, John, Gracen, Ross and Easton Avent of Waxahachie. Visitation will be Sunday, January 30, 2011 from 5-7pm at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Services will be 2:00pm Monday, January 31, 2011 at Memorial Baptist Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Willena Russell*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *We are friends of Billy Nelson. He has always spoken so highly and lovingly of his family. I know his grandmother ws ever so special to him. I am sure that not only him, but all of you will miss Mrs. Russell very much. I am sure that she has left each of you with fond memories and courage. My prayers are with her entire family. May God's love and caring give comfort.*

Paula Baker

Paula Baker - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so very sorry Pat, I did not know- I loved your mother very much*

Betty Whistler - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My "adopted brother", Billy Wayne Nelson, has shown exemplary christian principles. Billy has always given that credit his Grandmother, Willena.*

My sincere condolences to Billy and the family.

God bless you all.

Sarah Hill

Sarah Hill - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

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David Lewis & Barbara Parisi - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *On behalf of the staff at Heritage Oaks West, I would like to offer our sympathy for your loss. Mrs. Russell was an exceptional lady and we will miss her. It was an honor to take care of her and we are so glad your family shared her with us during the last few years. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Audra Phillips - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *Ms.Pat, Im so sorry for your loss, my prayers are with you.*

Wendy Mitchell - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *We are truly sorry for your family lost, Willena was a great woman. Our prayers are with you all in your time of sorry.*

Larry and Barbara Bailey - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of Willena. I had the privilage to meet and visit with her last year. What a blessing! She remembered my mother Emma very well and received me very kindly. She was very sharp and alert.*

I made the connection of finding her through her granddaughter Melanie whom I contacted on facebook. Thank goodness for new technology!

My prayers are with the family.

Lili Gayle Murphy Holladay - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Pat Billy and children, My deepest heartfelt sympathy. I was never priviledged to meet your mother, but hav heard many good things about her. Cherish each loving memory. I know God is very near you at this time.

Ruby Corley - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. I have heard her Grandson tell me many stories regarding his "MAMA RUSSELL" and learned through him of her deep Christian beliefs and knowledge of the word. Through him, Willena, has been a positive influence on my Christian attitudes and beliefs. God bless the family during this time of difficulty.

Lyne - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Granny Willena, you will be greatly missed by many.. I have many great memories of you from church growing up, to coming to your house and then to visit with you in the nursing home, you were an amazing lady and a testament of God's faith to all.. The boys and I will miss you dearly!

Savannah (Blackman) Jennings - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ My Aunt Willena, the most devote christian woman I've ever known. She must have one of the best mansions in heaven. She was an amazing person. A positive thinking person, great sense of humor, always willing to help others. I love and appreciate all she did for our family during hard times. She filled in as our Mother. Took care of us. I often wonder, what would have happened to us if she hadn't done this. She was my Junior Dept. Sunday School teacher when I became a christian. Not many made it out of her class without being saved. ha! That was her calling and she shared her faith with everyone. She took a group of girls on Visitation. I can go on and on. I'll miss you, Aunt Leaner and love YOU. Now you're reunited with Uncle Clifton and Bill and even my Daddy. Hopefully their not giving you a hard time as they always did. RIP

Karen Russell Summers - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ My Memory of Willena is of my childhood at Memorial Baptist Church .She was my Sunday School Teacher and I lived across the street from Mr.& Mrs.Russell. Willena and my Mother were Friends . She was always so good to us and her friendly smile was always a welcome to her class or just to see you.As I grow older my thoughts go back to those days and I remember her, Patricia, and Katherine .She was a Fine Lady.

Lynda (Welch) Arnold - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM