

Mary Earl Barnes

Mary Earl Barnes of Groesbeck passed away Thursday afternoon at Limestone Medical Center following a hard-fought battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family. Mary Earl was born in Groesbeck on November 13, 1926 to Colbert E. and Leanette Gregory, the middle child of three girls. She was born and raised in Groesbeck and graduated from Groesbeck High School in 1944. She was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church of Groesbeck.

She was married to Huey Barnes of Groesbeck on June 20, 1943 in Houston, as he prepared to go serve his country in World War II. They were the parents of four children, Jim, Lea Jean, Frances Jo, and Greg. Mary Earl had a long career at the Farmers State Bank in Groesbeck.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Colbert and Leanette Gregory, her husband, Huey Barnes, one daughter, Frances Garrett, and one sister, Jodie McLean.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Sharon Barnes, daughter, Lea Hardison, and son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Marie Barnes all of



Groesbeck and one sister, Frances Bennett of Groesbeck. Also surviving are 8 grandchildren, Amy Barnes, of Groesbeck, Beth and Thompson Myers, of Groesbeck, Kent & Jennifer Vogel of Wortham, Jennifer and Trey Brooks of Norfolk, Nebraska, Julie Garrett, of Groesbeck, Robbie and Robyn Garrett, of Groesbeck, Tonya and Jason Schumacher, of Benbrook, and Jamie Andearel Turner, of Saginaw. She has 8 great-grandchildren, Steven Wilks of Huntsville, Barrett and Blaine Myers, of Groesbeck, Hayley Brooks of Norfolk, Nebraska, Holden Garrett, of Groesbeck, Kennedy and Kate Vogel, of Wortham, and Madelyn Schumacher of Benbrook.

Funeral Services were held on Sunday afternoon, November 15, at First Baptist Church in Groesbeck. Burial followed at Faulkenberry Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Kent Vogel, Robbie Garrett, Thompson Myers, Trey Brooks, Jason Schumacher, Tearel Turner, Steven Wilks, Barrett Myers, Blaine Myers, Joe McLean, Jon McLean, and Brad Bennett.

Memorials may be made to the Youth Ministry of First Baptist Church of Groesbeck or the Youth Ministry of Church on the Rock.

Groesbeck Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Russell L. Forsyth, Jr

Russell L. Forsyth Jr. made a peaceful transition as he passed away in the early hours of November 11, 2009, just a few days after reaching his 80th birthday. Russ, as his friends called him, spent his final days in the Hillcrest Hospital of Waco after a brief struggle with illness. Russ made his permanent home and business in the city of Groesbeck.

Russ was born on November 9, 1929 in Altoona, Pennsylvania to Russell L. Forsyth Sr. and Bessie Rittenhouse Forsyth, who owned a candy factory and soda bottling operation. As a child, Russ loved licorice despite his father's claims that the flavor was made from the sweepings of the candy factory floor. His family lost those businesses during the Great Depression and moved to Elmira, New York in search of work, where Russ and his four siblings were raised. Russ attended school at Southside High School in Elmira before joining the service at the age of seventeen.

Russ joined the Navy in 1947 and fought in the Korean War where he served as a Petty Officer on the USS Leyte. Russ had a few close calls and on one occasion, a propeller from a crashing plane came through the deck of his aircraft carrier inches from where he was standing. Russ served his country in the conflict before returning from duty with



an education in electronics and he worked in that field, furthering his career with classes at Syracuse University.

Russ married Glenna Beryl Lewis in August of 1948 and they made their home in New York before loading the station wagon to move to Texas on Independence Day of 1957. They soon settled in Garland, Texas to raise their four children together in the suburb of Dallas. Russ was a loving father who traveled in a sales position with different electronic firms. He moved into an entrepreneurial role as his children grew older, and remained self-employed for the remainder of his life of service.

Russ moved to Groesbeck Texas in 1982 with his business, the R.L. Forsyth Company, a tax preparation and accounting firm, as a vehicle to serve the community and interact with people, which he truly loved. He opened a second office in Bellmead, Texas and hired his daughter Donna, to help with the expanding role in both communities. Russ was President of the Groesbeck Chamber of Commerce in 1986 as he took an active role in the area. He became an Enrolled Agent with the IRS in order to serve the farming community with a deeper knowledge and understanding of the tax laws. Russ turned down different job offers and could have easily used his gifts in other areas, yet he chose to serve the people of Groesbeck and Bellmead.

Russ's thirst for knowledge fed his passion for spirituality, and that led him into many ar-

chas of service for the Lord. He was a member of the Victory Baptist Church in Groesbeck, led by Billy Anderson where he sometimes delivered the message and taught Sunday school. In addition, Russ was active with American Legion, the Lions Club and then late in life, he joined the Gideon organization where he founded the Limestone County Camp for the group. His devotion to Jesus inspired him to spread the word in area churches, schools, institutions and prisons as Russ handed out Bibles, counseled those in need and spread the joy that he found in those experiences. Russ truly loved this aspect of life as it filled him with purpose of serving the Lord.

Russ had his daughter Donna designed a logo with the Christian symbol of the fish and the three letters "MPG" which he explained meant "Mission to Please God". This, along with many other representations of his Christian faith were displayed prominently in his office. These were often conversation starters to share his experiences and faith with others.

Russ had his own brand of humor which always brought a lightness to any situation. He could make you believe almost anything and used that to further his playfulness and positive outlook on life. Russ was known for his trademark smile and relaxed demeanor, which he openly displayed with his business and social dealings.

His close friends that survive him are too many to list, but we would like to acknowledge his

longtime friend and confidant Judge Pete Lee and his loyal helpers Wilma Lee and Carla Allison.

Russ is preceded in death by his siblings Helen, Betty, and Francis, while being survived by his brother Bill.

Russ is survived by his ex-wife Glenna, who lives in Waco. They remained friends and were active in their children's and grandchildren's lives. Russ is also survived by his four children Doloris Lajoie, Mary Forsyth, Russell Forsyth and Donna Forsyth; eight grandchildren Josh Forsyth, Lee Kitchens, Bobby Lajoie, Danny Lajoie, Kirsten Graeber, Lauren Forsyth, Matthew Forsyth, and Stewart D. Carroll IV; and his four grandchildren, Marcus Kitchens, Alyssa Forsyth, Taylor Forsyth and Trinity Kitchens.

Russell L. Forsyth was laid to rest at the Fort Parker Cemetery after a service at the Groesbeck Funeral Home on Saturday November 14. Upon his request the pallbearers were his grandsons. Dale McDaniel led the ceremony.

Send donations to the Gideon's International organization so that they may distribute Bibles to the needy, less fortunate and all who ask. The family wishes to thank the loving support given by all the friends, the community of Groesbeck and the surrounding area. We would also like to thank the staff at Hillcrest Hospital and the Hospice team that supported Russ in his final days.

Visit www.groesbeckfuneralhome.com to leave messages of condolence on the guestbook.

Louise Kinsey

Louise Kinsey, 97, passed away November 10, 2009 in Waco. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 14, at the Presbyterian Church in Mexia. Rev. Ken Lane and Rev. Tom Prentiss officiated with interment to follow in Greenwood Cemetery in Teague.

Louise was born September 5, 1912 in Teague, Texas to J. D. and Nancy (Klein) Dempsey. She was a longtime "Downtown Mexia Fixture" having been an employee of Eller's Jewelry Store and Karner-Phillips Gift Shop for many years. Louise was a very active member of the First Presbyterian Church, especially

the church choir. She was very devoted to her family and church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Marvin Kinsey; son, Jerry Kinsey; granddaughter, Samantha Kinsey; and brother, James Dempsey.

Louise is survived by her son, Jim Kinsey and wife, Dorann Kinsey of Waco; grandchildren, Ray Fannin and wife, Doris of Robinson, Dale Fannin of Roberson, Ken Kinsey and wife, Sherri of Weatherford, Joe Kinsey of Alabama, Eric Kinsey of Colorado, Austin Kinsey and Kaitlyn Kinsey of Shannon, MS.; six great grandchildren; and six great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ken Kinsey, Ray Fannin, Dale Fannin, Keith Helpert, Doug Jones and Alden Garber.

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Mrs. Callie Brown

Mrs. Callie Brown of Teague passed away in the Heritage Oaks Nursing Facility of Corsicana among loving family and devoted friends.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, Nov. 14, in the First Baptist Church in Teague with Rev. Maurice Frazier and Rev. L. B. Perry officiating. Interment was in the Jerusalem Cemetery of Teague.

Mrs. Brown grew up and attended the public schools in the Avant Community east of Teague. She was married to Nathaniel Brown, Sr. for nearly sixty years before he preceded her in death.

Callie worked as a housekeeper for various families in the Teague area. She was a faithful member of the Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, Teague and served as secretary/treasurer for fifty plus years.

Mrs. Brown was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter, Gloria Grown Dixon,

sister, two brothers, and one grandson, Derek Brown.

She is survived by her children: Nat Brown and wife, Brenda, Dayton, OH; George Brown and wife, Corothy, Kansas City, MO; Harold Blaine Brown and wife, Ann, Winston Salem, NC; Homer Brown and wife, Dena, Houston; Billy Lee Brown, Teague; a special daughter-in-law, Patricia Brown, Dallas; 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Alan Brown, Billy Brown, Darron Brown, Jason Brown, Michael Brown and Percell Milton.

Moore's Angelic Funeral Home 406 Monroe Street, Teague, served the Brown Family. You are invited to sign the guestbook and light a candle on our website: mooresangelicfuneralhome.com.



Ruby Nell Hitt

Ruby Nell Hitt, 88, passed away November 10, 2009 at her home in Garland. Funeral services were held Friday, November 13, at Blair-Stubbs Chapel.

Ruby was born April 24, 1921 in Personville, Texas to L.C. and Donie Hardison. Ruby's passion was her family. She was a devout wife and mother to her husband of 69 years, James Hitt and their children, Sandra and Jimmy. She was one of eight children in her family. Ruby took so much joy in helping raise her younger brothers, Jerry and Calvin. Throughout her life she enjoyed fishing, cooking homemade meals and celebrating life with her family. She did this by organizing all family reunions and events. She always, lovingly, volunteered to help care for her grandchildren, niece, nephews and great-grandchildren. Ruby was, also, involved in the Eastern Star and Rainbow Chapter. Both, Ruby and James were members of the

First United Methodist Church of Mexia. Now the family is at peace knowing that their sweet Mamaw is fishing with Jesus!

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Harvey, Milton, Truman and Calvin.

Ruby is survived by her husband, James Earl Hitt; son, James Edwin Hitt; daughter, Sandra Watts; brothers, Jerry Hardison and wife, Linda and Ray Hardison and wife, Jo; grandchildren, Darla Herman and husband, Mark, Jana Shaw and husband, Barron, Shelly McConnico and husband, David, Michael Watts and wife, Stacy, Jessica Mather and husband, Jaime; and great-grandchildren, Austin and Ashlyn McConnico, Jacob and Hazel Herman, Parker, Gavin, Gracy and Ruby Watts, Grace Ann and Abigail Shaw and Isabella Mather.

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