



## Mrs. Bertha "Bert" Lowe

May 18, 1941 - July 17, 2025

Bertha Mae Tapley Lowe, 84, of Henderson, was born on May 18, 1941 in El Dorado, Arkansas. She was the second child to the late Lee Elizabeth Davis Tapley and William Earl Tapley. Bertha Mae or "Bert", as she would soon be called-grew up in Sulphur Springs, attended public school, excelled in her studies, and, upon high school graduation earned a scholarship to Baylor University. Bert was gifted with a fine soprano voice and became an ardent chorister, often singing solos both in church and school choirs. At the forefront of her interests were her family, her church, and the arts.

Bertha was one of the most genuinely kind people. She was the cheerleader for the family. One never left her feeling down or upset. She was also an extremely intelligent and hard worker. As a secretary for her career, she became the executive assistant to the president of Longview Bank and Trust where she worked for decades.

In terms of family, she was deeply devoted to her father Bill, and often spoke of her mother Elizabeth's resilience during hard times. She "worshipped" her older brother Billy and all of her cousins. Her cousin Trish Irwin remembered her positivity towards her that shaped her self-esteem and teen years. And naturally, Billy's fine daughters Susannah and Emma would become "my girls" to Bert, so treasured were they both. She adored her cat Whispers and any cat or dog that she encountered. Oh, who won Bert's devotion more was her

beloved John, whom she always referred to as "the love of my life." They both found true happiness when they found each other.

As for her church, First Presbyterian, Henderson, Bert was a faithful servant of Jesus Christ. She was particularly proud of the fact she attended a church known for outreach and inclusivity. Anyone who knew her could see that she did not try or judge; she simply lived the "word". She remained active until she could not with committee work, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, mission outreach and of course frequent soloing.

Bert's passion for the arts was well known. Her cousin Philip Tapley was always a welcome guest during the annual Shakespeare Festival nearby, where Bert and John not only hosted, but attended alongside Philip. And her cousin Byron recalls a visit from Bert and John in Atlanta, where he played a recording of the Atlanta Symphony and Chorus, during which "tears rolled down Bert's cheeks"; so moved was she that she had to "gather herself" afterward. But in terms of artistic achievement, who could top her admiration for her brother Billy's artistic talent as a painter, and, later, his daughter, Emma's deserved renown abilities as a painter.

She was very proud of all of her family's accomplishments, especially her niece Susannah for whom she attended her graduation from medical school. And her love of kin extended equally to John's family; indeed, she cherished April, Steve & Mary as if her own offspring. She was extremely proud of Steve who came back home to run Lowe tractor. In later years, she would tell her nieces and cousins that she didn't know what she would have done, were it not for Mary Lowe's loving admiration.

We could go on and on with accolades and stories. However, we would like others to share their stories with us at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com) or at the service on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 3:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church in

Henderson, Texas. All are welcome to the visitation which will proceed the service from 2-3 PM in the fellowship hall of the church. Burial will follow at Lakewood Memorial Park under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Steve Lowe, Stephen Rains, Guyce Butler, John Hillin, and John Tieken.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband John Lowe, and her brother William Gouin Tapley.

Survivors include her niece Dr. Susannah Q Olnes and husband Matthew of Anchorage, Alaska and their children Stella Dickerson and husband William Mac with great-great-niece Jane Maverick, Jack Olnes, and Luna Olnes; niece Emma Dorrin Tapley of New York City, New York; special family Steve Lowe and wife Mary of Henderson and their daughter Kristina Mueller and husband Johannes with their children Maria Elena and Xavier, April Lowe of Henderson, as well as Kirby Rains and husband Stephen of Henderson and their children Stella and Russ.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bert's memory to the charity or organization of your choice.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 22. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
311 S. High St.  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Service

JUL 22. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Roberta Vallantyne lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bert" Lowe*



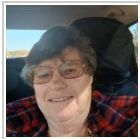
Roberta Vallantyne - August 02, 2025 at 11:07 PM

KW

“ *Kathy Webb lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha "Bert" Lowe*



Kathy Webb - July 31, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ *I met Bert many yrs ago we had some things in common and we had a very sweet friendship.*

Belva Wallace - July 30, 2025 at 10:40 PM

EF

“ *Elizabeth Daniel Fulton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha "Bert" Lowe*



Elizabeth Daniel Fulton - July 28, 2025 at 05:57 PM

DB

“ *Damon Jill Bassett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha "Bert" Lowe*



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**Damon Jill Bassett** - July 26, 2025 at 09:43 AM

SM

“ *Heartfelt condolences to the family. Bert was a very dear friend.*

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**Shirley Montgomery** - July 25, 2025 at 10:40 PM

SM

“ *Shannon Marsh-McKey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha "Bert" Lowe*



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**Shannon Marsh-McKey** - July 23, 2025 at 01:22 PM

LW

“ *Lacy Wwaver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha "Bert" Lowe*



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**Lacy Wwaver** - July 22, 2025 at 06:02 PM

LD

“ *My cousin John could not have found a sweeter, more generous, and more beautiful lady to marry and make a part of our family. We all loved her. Her obituary perfectly conveys the scope of her personality.*

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**Linda Dean** - July 22, 2025 at 11:25 AM

CB

“ *Carolyn Boren lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha "Bert" Lowe*



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**Carolyn Boren** - July 22, 2025 at 10:31 AM

GW

“ *Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha "Bert" Lowe*



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**Gary Wilkerson** - July 21, 2025 at 07:25 PM

AP

“ *Bert was my boss at Texas Bank & Trust (LB&T) and was such a sweet, kind friend. I learned so very much from working for her. She asked my son to be the ringbearer in her & John's wedding. She has always held such a special place in my heart. Heaven gained a beautiful voice. Miss you Bert*

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**Andrea Pirtle** - July 21, 2025 at 02:09 PM

CC

“ *Chris Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha "Bert" Lowe*



Chris Cavaliere - July 21, 2025 at 10:20 AM

GW

“ *Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha "Bert" Lowe*



Gary Wilkerson - July 21, 2025 at 10:13 AM

DS

“ *David And Maria Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha "Bert" Lowe*



David and Maria Stephens - July 21, 2025 at 10:01 AM

JB

“ *Jon Best lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha "Bert" Lowe*



jon Best - July 21, 2025 at 09:55 AM

CW

“ Bert was just beautiful in every way. I had the honor of singing with her on several occasions and I treasure those memories. What a great lady she was! She will truly be missed.

Cyndi Walker - July 21, 2025 at 08:44 AM

ST

“ She such a precious lady, she will be missed



Sherie and Mike Tillison - July 20, 2025 at 09:22 PM

SM

“ Bert was a long-time friend, we met in 1970 when she became my mentor at People’s National Bank in Tyler& later at Longview Bank &Trust. She was a great friend and a lovely person. We kept in touch over the years and across the miles. Heaven definitely gained an angel. Her kindness had no end and I will always treasure her friendship.

Shirley Montgomery - July 20, 2025 at 08:26 PM

DC

“ In memory of a very lovely lady. What a blessing she must of been to all.  
Our Deepest Sympathies,  
David & Kathy Chapman



David & Kathy Chapman - July 20, 2025 at 04:25 PM

SH

“ *Sally Hosea lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bert" Lowe*



Sally Hosea - July 20, 2025 at 10:24 AM

NG

“ *Bert was a neighbor and friend for many years. We shared a love for walking and talking. Bert was always kind, considerate, and a true lady in every sense. I followed her journey upon her arrival in Henderson through travel stories, shopping, her beautiful voice, loss of John, and her days at Brookdale . Bert will never be forgotten.*

Nancy Gibson - July 20, 2025 at 12:30 AM

MA

“ *Merlene Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bert" Lowe*



Merlene Ainsworth - July 19, 2025 at 06:52 PM

SM

“ *Shirley Mayo lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bert" Lowe*



Shirley Mayo - July 19, 2025 at 11:06 AM

MT

“ It was such a blessing to know Mrs. Lowe! She was such a sweetheart and always had a smile on her beautiful face, and kind sweet words to share. I'm so glad Mr. Lowe found her and moved her to Henderson! I always loved to see them together.. prayers for Steve and Mary and the extended family and friends during this difficult time!💖🙏

Melanie Taylor - July 19, 2025 at 09:55 AM

LS

Burt you hold a special place in my heart we lost a wonderful person when you left us the beautiful music you made and wonderful hugs you gave love you so much god has a great angel !!

lavonne Schauwecker - July 21, 2025 at 07:42 PM

CM

“ I know the choir in Heaven is celebrating the addition of a beautiful person with a beautiful voice. Sing on, Bert. Sing on. Love you



Claudia Morgan-Gray - July 19, 2025 at 08:53 AM

ED

“ Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bert" Lowe



Elaine Davis - July 19, 2025 at 07:59 AM

BG

“ *Praying for peace and comfort*  
*Bonnie Geddie*



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**Bonnie Geddie** - July 19, 2025 at 03:36 AM

JN

“ *Bert was such a sweet and kind spirit who made us feel so welcomed in Henderson. We enjoyed our dinners and visits so much. The world was definitely a better place because of her presence. We love you and will remember you always Bert. Love, Jon & James Nicholson*



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**Jon Louis Nicholson** - July 18, 2025 at 09:49 PM