



Billie L. Shelton

October 11, 1927 - September 20, 2012

Billie L. Shelton, 84, passed away September 20, 2012, at her home in Laneville, Texas. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 56 years, George "Bud" Shelton, parents, William and Elsie Gauntner; sisters, Dorothy Sylvester and Elsie Milbrandt. Services will be held at Crawford-A Crim Funeral Home, 1414 South Main, Henderson, Texas on Saturday, September 22, 2012. Visitation will be from 12:30 - 2:00 PM, with her Funeral to follow. Burial at Neeley Cemetery, FM 839, Goodsprings, following her service. Billie grew up in Seal Beach, California and remained there until she met the love of her life, George Shelton. She then moved to Texas to marry him at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station Chapel in Corpus Christi, Texas. They were blessed with two sons, John and William. After moving to the Houston area, she taught school in the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District for a number of years. She was very active in her church and started Wee Wuns, a mother's day out program which later became a fully accredited pre-school and celebrated their 40th anniversary in May of this year. After moving to East Texas in 1973, she resided in the Laneville area until her death. She was blessed and proud to live on the "3BarS Ranch" where she and Bud built their home, with their own hands, and help from Bud's brothers. Together they raised cattle, gardened, fished, and enjoyed the beauty of God's country. They enjoyed nothing more than having family and friends come and spend time together with them on the 3BarS. Billie was a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church since 1973 where she taught Sunday

School and served on the Administrative Board and Council on Ministries for a number of years. She also served as President and Secretary of the Women's Day Circle group. She again helped organize and open the first Mother's Day Out Program in Henderson at St. Paul's Methodist Church in 1974. She directed and taught in the program for 13 years. Billie volunteered at the Rusk County Library for 17 years where she established and coordinated the volunteer program in the Genealogy Department. She served on the Friends of the Library Board for 11 years. She also served as Election Clerk and then Election Judge for Rusk County Precinct 4 for a number of years. Faith, family and friends were the priorities in her life. We would like to give our heart-felt thanks and appreciation to the wonderful staff at Heart to Heart Hospice, especially Susan Hill and Amanda Venable, for providing Billie with their love and encouragement, which allowed her the dignity she needed to continue her fight against cancer these past months. Also, the family would like to extend a special thank you, to JoAnn Tucker and Ruth Hammett, for filling her last days with joy and comfort. Survived by: Sons: John D. Shelton and wife, Danette; and William (Buddy) Shelton Grandchildren, Josh Shelton; Shawna Krolczyk and husband Blake; Thomas Shelton and wife, Angela; Melinda Shelton and fiancée Seth Moser Great Grandchildren: Luke, Shayne and Brooke Krolczyk Numerous nieces, nephews and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Paul's Methodist Church, 2212 Hwy 79 South, Henderson, Texas. Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Previous Events

visitation

SEP **22.** 12:30 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Buddy, So sorry for your loss. I am just now hearing of about this. Your mom will always hold a special place in my heart. She probably inspired me to do all the volunteer work I did as an adult. She was a very giving lady. We lost my Mom in May on Mothers Day so I truly know exactly how you feel. Sincerely, Janet

Janet Gary - October 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ We say "so long" to a very special person. She taught me so much about genealogy and research working with her at the library. She made everything interesting. Miss you, Billie.

Virginia Foster - September 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ A beautiful blessing to have known Billie. So glad she is safely Home. May God comfort you all at this time and lift you. For Him, Jo Scogin

Jo Scogin - September 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ The family of Leon & Lonnie White wish to express Our deepest sympathy over the loss of such a dear Lady. She is once again with her Husband, George in the 'Land that is fairer than day'. God love you. Leon

Leon & Lonnie White - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ We were very sorry to hear of Billie's passing. I know she is up in Heaven with George looking down on all of us her many family & friends. We will all miss her very much, but we still have the wonderful memories of camping with her & George. Love, Kathy & Don Wieland

Don & Kathy Wieland - September 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM