



Mrs. Catherine Birdwell

February 7, 1929 - November 14, 2025

Mable Catherine Birdwell, age 96 went to be with the Lord at 1:13 PM on Friday, November 14, 2025. Catherine, as she liked to be called, was born in Henderson, Texas to Mary Francis and Henry Clay Minor. She is preceded in death by her parents and husband, John Henry Birdwell, Sr, daughters Betty Ann Somerville and Janie Sue Sledge, brother Henry Clay Minor, Jr., sisters Raye Reeves and Faye Costello, Brother-in-Laws Baker Birdwell, Carl Grafton, Sister-in-Law Mary Ann Ridlehuber and Niece Carolyn Reeves.

Catherine attended Gaston High School and worked as a self-employed beautician for 35 years, bookkeeper, seamstress, waitress, and ceramics business owner. She was an extremely hard worker that never did anything at half-throttle. She rode motorcycles with her husband for many years and passed on that love to her children. But her main passion was family, whom she protected as fiercely as a Mama Bear.

Catherine is survived by her son, a retired executive with Lockheed Martin Corporate, John Henry Birdwell Jr. He resides with his wife, Kathy Ann Birdwell in Granbury, Texas. Surviving Sister-in-Laws Jeanelle Soape of Henderson, Texas; Clarise Crews of League City, Texas; Kay Birdwell of Austin, Texas; Son-in-Laws Neil Mac Somerville, Sr., of Longview, Texas, Billy Sledge, of Henderson, Texas and Granddaughter's Rachel J Hiatt, of Carrollton, Texas; Dr. Christine Birdwell, of Houston, Texas; Tracie McGill, of

Conroe, Texas; Grandsons Neil Mac Somerville, of San Antonio, Texas; David Sledge, of Henderson, Texas; and many great grandchildren whom she loved dearly.

She will be missed by all.

Family visitation will be at the Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson, Texas on Monday, November 17, 2025 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Memorial services will be held at the Crawford-A. Crim Chapel, Henderson, Texas at 2:00 PM Tuesday, November 18, 2025 with Alan Ketchum officiating, followed by graveside at Rusk County Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Vernon Minor, Kim Minor, Neal Minor, David Sledge, Mac Somerville, and Chase McGill.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Rusk County Memorial Gardens

5013 US Hwy 259
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

NOV 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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1414 South Main Street
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Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Patti Bryan lit a candle in memory of Catherine Birdwell*



Patti Bryan - November 18, 2025 at 06:32 PM

DA

“ *Donna Dorsey Aaron lit a candle in memory of Catherine Birdwell*



Donna Dorsey Aaron - November 18, 2025 at 05:40 PM

BG

“ *Praying for peace and comfort Bonnie Geddie*



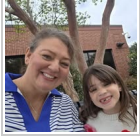
Bonnie Geddie - November 18, 2025 at 11:54 AM

SS

“ *Susan Stevens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Birdwell*



Susan Stevens - November 17, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ *Tracie and David, sending my love & prayers to y'all.* ”



Karla Hendrix Griffith - November 17, 2025 at 04:41 AM

MJ

“ *Marvin Smith jr lit a candle in memory of Catherine Birdwell* ”



Marvin Smith jr - November 16, 2025 at 09:38 AM

BM

“ *Many memories of Catherine for many years. She was a dear lady. Prayers for her family.* ”

Betty Mullens - November 16, 2025 at 07:50 AM

KC

“ *I have known and loved Catherine and John Henry my entire life. Such a fun lady in every situation. She had her Beauty Shop and her clients loved her. Fly high Catherine.* ”



Kchapman65 - November 15, 2025 at 07:58 PM

WY

“ *Wilma Young lit a candle in memory of Catherine Birdwell*



Wilma Young - November 15, 2025 at 07:39 PM