



Mrs. Elsie Lee Hays Wilder

May 25, 1927 - November 9, 2023

Funeral services for Mrs. Elsie Lee Hays Wilder, 96, of Minden, will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, November 13, 2023, at Minden Baptist Church with Dr. Matt Pitts and Rev. Doc Crow officiating. Interment will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on Monday, November 13, at the church.

Elsie went to be with the Lord on November 9, 2023. She was born May 25, 1927. She was a lifelong resident of Rusk County and graduated from Minden High School in 1944. Elsie was preceded in death by her husband, J. W. Wilder. They were married on November 20, 1948. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Lola Hays, a granddaughter, Rachel Lee Wilder, sisters, Lucille Perry and Mardell Jimerson, and a brother, Clyde Hays.

Elsie was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She took great joy in spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

During the 1980s and 90s, she and J.W. owned and operated Henderson Livestock, where she worked in the office. She had so much fun and loved working with the other ladies that worked there. She also worked for Wilder Well Service for 8 years and lovingly supported her son, Jay, in his success.

Cooking was one of her favorite things to do and man, was she good at it. She also could go fishing every day. Her cousin, Juanita and she could sit on the pier and fish all day long, even if they weren't biting well.

Among other things, she enjoyed playing cards and dominos and going to the boats. She loved music and dancing, and could really jitterbug like one of the best.

Elsie was a lifelong member of Minden Baptist Church. In her younger years, she taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and was very active in the choir and other church activities.

Elsie is survived by her daughter, Donna Wilder, son, Billy Jay Wilder, grandchildren, Joshua Poole and partner Wesly Yap, Aaron and Lane Glaze, Bailey Wilder and Brandon Spivey, great-grandchildren, Rhett Paul, Ryder Paul, Paisley Adcock, Walker Spivey, Kimber Spivey, Pierce Wilder Moore, and Cash and Kinley Glaze; and her special caregiver, Wanda Winkfield.

Pallbearers will be Clay Wilder, Brent Wilder, David Perry, Louis Hall, Todd Davis, and Joe Wilder.

If desired memorial donations may be made to Minden Baptist Church, P.O. Box 665, Mount Enterprise, Texas, 75681.

Condolences may be made at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Maple Grove Cemetery

CR-3141D
Mt. Enterprise, TX 75681

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Minden Baptist Church
CR 3137 D
Mt. Enterprise, TX 75681

Service

NOV 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Minden Baptist Church
CR 3137 D
Mt. Enterprise, TX 75681

Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Elsie Lee Hays Wilder*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - November 12, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Barry&Cindy Hampton lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Barry&Cindy Hampton - November 22, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ *David & Dianna Kelley*



David & Dianna Kelley - November 17, 2023 at 04:29 PM

BB

“ *Blake Ballenger lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Blake Ballenger - November 17, 2023 at 07:43 AM

SH

“ *Sue HENDERSON lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Sue HENDERSON - November 15, 2023 at 04:26 PM



“ *Ruth Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Ruth Mitchell - November 13, 2023 at 10:27 PM

SL

“ *Donna and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers . 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏*



Susan Lingle - November 13, 2023 at 01:33 PM

PC

“ *Paula Crim lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Paula Crim - November 13, 2023 at 11:59 AM

TV

“ *Tom Vaught lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



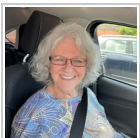
Tom Vaught - November 13, 2023 at 11:34 AM

BG

“ *Praying for peace and comfort for family and friends.
Loved Mrs. Elsie, sweet and fun lady
Bonnie Geddie*



Bonnie Geddie - November 13, 2023 at 01:06 AM



“ *Prayers for peace and comfort for your families. Stephanie Green Osteen*



Stephanie Osteen - November 12, 2023 at 07:08 PM

SC

“ *scott crawford lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



scott crawford - November 12, 2023 at 12:39 PM

MB

“ *I have so many precious memories of Elsie and the other ladies I worked with in the office at the sale barn. We were like family. We were there for each other thru good times and bad. Lou Watson, Sybol Mims, Shari Mims Standard and now Elsie have gone on to that better place. Just me and Helen Capps left behind but we'll join soon ladies and oh, what a reunion that will be!!!*



Mitt Beavers - November 12, 2023 at 03:50 AM

MB

“ *Mitt Beavers lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Mitt Beavers - November 12, 2023 at 03:39 AM

DB

“ *Damon Jill Bassett lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Damon & Jill Bassett - November 11, 2023 at 08:26 PM

MM

“ *Elsie was a wonderful woman who loved her family so much. I never saw her when she wasn't smiling.*



Melissa Foley Mathieu - November 11, 2023 at 06:12 PM

DC

“ *Donna, Jay and family,*

I have so many fond memories of great times at her house. We would camp out but she would always have us a big breakfast cooked the next morning. Donna and I would go with her to feed the cows and she could throw a huge bail of hay like it was a feather. No matter what she was doing her hair and makeup always looked perfect. Prayers for all! Love y'all!!! David and Jan Crow

David and Jan Crow - November 11, 2023 at 05:40 PM

BS

“ *Brad Lou Ann Standard lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Brad & Lou Ann Standard - November 11, 2023 at 04:13 PM

LR

“ *Linda Rogers lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Linda Rogers - November 11, 2023 at 01:40 PM

JB

“ *Joe & Margaret G Brown lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Joe Dan & Margaret G Brown - November 11, 2023 at 07:56 AM

RJ

“ *Rena Jordan lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Rena Jordan - November 11, 2023 at 06:39 AM

WR

“ *Winnie Ramey lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Winnie Ramey - November 11, 2023 at 01:37 AM



“ *Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Donna Aaron - November 10, 2023 at 11:59 PM

RC

“ *Regina Callender lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Regina Callender - November 10, 2023 at 11:20 PM

CS

“ *Carl Diana Smith lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Carl & Diana Smith - November 10, 2023 at 11:10 PM

RT

“ *Richard Debbie Todd lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Richard & Debbie Todd - November 10, 2023 at 11:08 PM

BB

“ *Deepest condolences to the family. Love, Blake and Debbie Ballenger.*



Blake and Debbie Ballenger - November 10, 2023 at 09:34 PM

AH

“ *Amber Hancock lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Amber Hancock - November 10, 2023 at 09:27 PM

VH

“ *I am deeply sorry for your loss & will keep you all in my prayers. Vicki Hogan 🙏*

vicki hogan - November 10, 2023 at 08:38 PM

SG

“ Prayers for all the family 🙏🙏



Stephanie Gresham - November 10, 2023 at 07:05 PM

MG

“ We will always remember Elsie as fun, loving, and giving. Her smile and laughter was contagious! She and Juanita were a duo. We were blessed with her friendship!

Mark & Nancy Gibson - November 10, 2023 at 07:02 PM

HC

“ Harriet craig lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder



Harriet craig - November 10, 2023 at 06:09 PM

VH

“ Valerie Hampton lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder



Valerie Hampton - November 10, 2023 at 06:08 PM

RD

“ *rachel dessecker lit a candle in memory of
Elsie Wilder*



rachel dessecker - November 10, 2023 at 05:39 PM

JH

“ *JerryandCarol Harris lit a candle in memory of
Elsie Wilder*



JerryandCarol Harris - November 10, 2023 at 05:37 PM

MT

“ *Mike Taliaferro lit a candle in memory of Elsie
Wilder*



Mike Taliaferro - November 10, 2023 at 05:10 PM

AC

“ *It was really a pleasure getting to spend time with Mrs. Elsie. She
was such a little spit fire we'll surely miss her....my deepest
sympathy for all of your family. Amy Cox CNA HHRC*

Amy J Cox - November 10, 2023 at 05:05 PM

BC

“ *Ben Kristy Campbell lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Ben & Kristy Campbell - November 10, 2023 at 04:52 PM

AM

“ *Amy Miley/Payne lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Amy Miley/Payne - November 10, 2023 at 04:34 PM

PS

“ *Paula Sparks lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Paula Sparks - November 10, 2023 at 02:44 PM

SW

“ *She had the best laugh of anyone ever!! We are thinking of all of you. She will be missed. Love you all, Susan Sparkman Whealdon*

SUSAN WHEALDON - November 10, 2023 at 02:40 PM

CH

“ *Cheryl Harkness lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Cheryl Harkness - November 10, 2023 at 02:35 PM

LA

“ *LORIE ARNOLD lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



LORIE ARNOLD - November 10, 2023 at 02:33 PM

CT

“ *Chuck Towe lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Chuck Towe - November 10, 2023 at 01:54 PM

JW

“ *A very sweet lady and always pleasant.*



Jane Williams - November 10, 2023 at 01:35 PM

MB

“ *Matti Bridges lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Matti Bridges - November 10, 2023 at 01:22 PM

CB

“ *Charlie Holli Bridges lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Charlie & Holli Bridges - November 10, 2023 at 01:22 PM

CD

“ *Condolences to Elsie's family especially Donna, Aaron, Rhett and Ryder. She was a special lady devoted to her Christian faith, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Rest in Peace Elsie -you will be missed by many.
Love-Charlotte Dunaway*



Charlotte Dunaway - November 10, 2023 at 12:41 PM

DN

“ *Donna Newman lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Donna Newman - November 10, 2023 at 12:40 PM

CN

“ *Clay & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - November 10, 2023 at 12:10 PM

BP

“ *Prayers for family. She will be missed. I have known her for many years.*

Beth Hale Pope.

Beth Pope - November 10, 2023 at 11:38 AM

EB

“ *Mrs Elsie was a wonderful Christian woman. She always dressed for Church. One Sunday morning in Sunday School we all noticed about the same time that Elsie had on two different shoes! She started laughing with all of us and was even funnier when she shared how it happened! Mrs Elsie was a wonderful Christian role model and could pray the most beautiful prayers. She will be missed but knowing she is with our Precious Lord and we will meet again gives us peace that can come only from our Mighty Lord.*

Eva Bickham - November 10, 2023 at 10:40 AM

JB

“ *Jon Best lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Jon Best - November 10, 2023 at 09:21 AM



“ *Barbara J Jolley lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Barbara J Jolley - November 10, 2023 at 08:46 AM



“ *Jill Turner lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Jill Dulany Turner - November 10, 2023 at 08:32 AM



“ *Jane Brightwell lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Jane Brightwell - November 10, 2023 at 08:30 AM



“ *Jason&Susan Jarrell lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Jason&Susan Jarrell - November 10, 2023 at 08:04 AM

GC

“ *Praying for Donna and the rest of the family*

George Conway - November 10, 2023 at 07:54 AM

MS

“ *Donna and Jay so very sorry for your loss - Miss Elsie was the best. Will remember that head of red hair forever.*

MARTHA SOLOMON - November 10, 2023 at 07:15 AM

LD

“ *Leann Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Leann Dorsey - November 10, 2023 at 12:15 AM

GW

“ *Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Gary Wilkerson - November 09, 2023 at 08:56 PM

BM

“ *Becky Massengale lit a candle in memory of Elsie Wilder*



Becky Massengale - November 09, 2023 at 06:57 PM

DN

“ *Donna Newman lit a candle in memory of
Elsie Wilder*



Donna Newman - November 09, 2023 at 06:40 PM