



Mrs. Elwyna "Toni" Whitehead

October 24, 1931 - October 1, 2020

Graveside services for Mrs. Elwyna "Toni" Whitehead, 88, of Henderson, will be held at 12:00 p.m., Monday, October 5, 2020 at Bethel Cemetery with Bro. Bob Payne officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 5, 2020 at the funeral home.

Elwyna Toni Williams Whitehead, was born October 24, 1931 in Laneville, Texas at home. She was the fifth of seven children of Leondious and Annie Lee Hicks Williams. She passed away on October 1, 2020 at the age of 88 years old. She was a life time member of the South Main Church of Christ.

She lived on the Laneville Highway with her parents and siblings where they owned several acres of land, and sold milk, eggs, butter, and farm produce to local families. Her parents were well known in the Bethel Community where they settled after the Civil War. Annie was a seamstress and created beautiful clothing for anyone who wanted her expertise. Elwyna attended Laneville schools and Bethel Church, several of her friends gave her the nickname of "Toni" and she lived by that name for the rest of her life. She met her husband Taylor Whitehead, at age 16 in the fall of 1947, right after World War II. It was a double date to the Movie Theater in Henderson. They were married on

January 24, 1948 and have celebrated 72 years together. They bought some land and built a home where they have lived since the early years of their marriage. She loved to sew like her mother. She made quilts for everyone in the family, often they were gifts to begin their married life. She enjoyed canning, cooking, traveling, camping, water skiing, playing Mexican Train, and 42 dominoes with friends. Toni went to work in the 1960's at Nations Fiberglass and then Radio Shack. After retiring she began to travel with her brother and sister to many tourist locations in America including a trip to Hawaii. She began to make porcelain dolls and became very good at creating personality in each one. After recovering from colon cancer she enjoyed time at home.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Annie Hicks Williams; sisters, Marrell Breedlove, Lavern Dorsey Green, Orice Betty; brothers, Eugene Williams, Lee Williams; and one daughter, Glenda Kay Harris in October of 2013.

Surviving family members are her husband, Taylor Whitehead; sister, Louette Johnson; sister-in-law, Dorthie Williams. Children include, son-in-law, Dicky Harris and wife Karen, daughter, Sharon Jett of Rockwall; son, Randall Whitehead and wife BJ; six grandchildren, Kevin and Debbie Harris of Plano, Ryan and Hanna Harris of Lindale, Logan and Myra Harris, Brad and Angie Vinson, Lindsey and Gary Spraggins of Rockwall, and Brittney and Cody Geneva; great-grandchildren, Isabella, Joseph, and Eli Harris, Ally and Victoria Harris, Keegan, Landon, and Decklan Harris, Ethan Vinson, Lillian and Gary L. "Tripp" Spraggins III; nieces and nephews, Frank and Paul Breedlove, Don Dorsey, Johnny Betty, Camy Williams Strader, Nancy Williams Breshears, Krystle Williams Penrose, Mark and Jay Johnson, Phyllis Packard, Barbara Whitehead, Karla Whitehead Deluca, Marla Whitehead Boone, Sharla Whitehead Rounsavall, Darla Whitehead Lynch, Reggie Whitehead, and Susie Whitehead Evitts.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Harris, Ryan Harris, Logan Harris, Brad Vinson, Dicky Harris, and Gary Spraggins.

Condolences may be made at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Cemetery

CR 314
Henderson, TX 75654

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Graveside

OCT 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Cemetery
CR 314
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Elwyna "Toni" Whitehead*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - October 04, 2020 at 03:12 PM

SJ

*I miss you so much Mom ! I think of you often and wish you were here and in good health. I love you to eternity and back...
Sharon*

Sharon Jett - October 10, 2021 at 12:09 PM

CS

“ *Our hearts are broken and our family will never be the same with out Aunt Toni! She was sweet, kind, and a joy to be around. She will be truly missed by all! I hope you will be able to find comfort in your memories because I know the days ahead will be difficult. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you!
Love, Dorthie, Donny, Camy, Kyle, Rodney, Megan, Ashlyn, and Taylyn*



Camy Strader - October 12, 2020 at 08:38 AM

SJ

Thank you so much for remembering Mother. She always ask about you and all the family. I know the drive to Henderson was long for you and I want you to know how very much I appreciate you for sharing the day to be with us. Sharon W. Jett


sharon jett - October 18, 2020 at 04:09 PM

DC

“ David And Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elwyna "Toni" Whitehead



David and Jan Crow - October 07, 2020 at 12:07 AM


Roberta
Vallantyne

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Elwyna last year . She was a delightful lady. She came to my office in Henderson with questions about her medicine. I was delighted to spend time with her. I told her when she came in...I would care for you as if she was family. I know she loved life and enjoyed being with people. She was a sweet, kind lady. My thoughts and prayers are with those who loved her.

Roberta Vallantyne - October 05, 2020 at 09:48 AM

SJ

Thank you for your gift to help mother. She spoke of your meeting and I only have regrets I didn't get to meet you. Sincerely, Sharon W. Jett

sharon jett - October 18, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - October 04, 2020 at 03:10 PM

SJ

Thank you for the hard work and kindness you devoted in the making of the video. I was pleased with the thoughts and details that went into every step of the funeral for my precious Mother. Sincerely, Sharon W. Jett

sharon jett - October 18, 2020 at 04:16 PM

JC

“ *Jim & Jeanne Cowart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elwyna "Toni" Whitehead*



Jim & Jeanne Cowart - October 03, 2020 at 11:54 PM

PK

“ *David and Peggy Keeling*



Peggy Keeling - October 03, 2020 at 10:29 PM



“ *Ruth Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elwyna "Toni" Whitehead*



Ruth Mitchell - October 03, 2020 at 09:38 PM

DA

“ *Donna Dorsey Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elwyna "Toni" Whitehead*



Donna Dorsey Aaron - October 03, 2020 at 01:10 AM

DC

“ *Sharon and Mr. Whitehead. I have known you all over 45 years. You were always a close family. I got to know TONI a lot at the Fashion Boutique where she came to get her hair done by Sharon weekly. Then, while I worked for New Sound I got to know you, Mr. Whitehead. I am so sorry got you loss. May God comfort you all in the days and weeks to come! You have our deepest sympathies and our prayers.*

DAVID & KATHY CHAPMAN.

David & Kathy Chapman - October 03, 2020 at 12:10 AM

SJ

Thank you so much, my parents talked of you and your kindness and outgoing professional personality. My prayers for you to heal soon.

sharon jett - October 05, 2020 at 02:05 AM

MM

“ Sharon,

So sorry to read of your Mother's passing. She sounds like an inspiration to all who knew her. My ancestors joined yours in settling in the Bethel area after the Civil War. A small world indeed.

Please know my prayers are with you and your family.

Mark Morris

Mark G. Morris - October 02, 2020 at 09:27 PM

SJ

Thank you so much. Yes, it is a small world indeed. Some of the best of the southern people moved to East Texas after they had lost everything in the civil war.

sharon jett - October 05, 2020 at 02:01 AM

AL

“ Annette Lochridge lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elwyna "Toni" Whitehead



Annette Lochridge - October 02, 2020 at 09:23 PM

CJ

“ Cheri Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elwyna "Toni" Whitehead



Cheri johnson - October 02, 2020 at 07:07 PM

DH

“ *Memaw was so delicately beautiful! Bella and I had a visit with her I will always cherish. Memaw pulled out her photo book of all the dolls she had made. At one point she brought out her most favorite one and as she held it it was as if her days as a new Mama came flooding back. The doll was the most like a newborn born baby I had ever seen even the weight was life-like. She let Bella marvel at it and hold it. I love seeing Memaw’s eyes light up as she shared this precious moment. Memaw, thank you for visiting with me and letting me get to know you. Wether it was while I was nursing, playing games, prepping in the kitchen, outside or in your living room. The warmth of your smile and your funny insights I will treasure always. Miss you already but so happy you get to rest in the arms of our Savior after a full life. I’m so glad all my kids were able to know you and hug you. Bye for now. -Debbie Harris*



Debbie Harris - October 02, 2020 at 06:24 PM

SJ

Debbie, Mother thought so much of you and she always smiled when she spoke of your kindness and love, but mostly about your happiness where ever or when ever you were around. I want to be more like you! one of moms best friends.....,Love, Sharon W. Jett

sharon jett - October 18, 2020 at 04:21 PM

CG

“ *So sorry to hear of Toni's passing. My prayers 🙏 for the family. She was a very nice lady.*
Candy Duncan Grant



Candy Grant - October 02, 2020 at 06:16 PM

CO

“ Connie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elwyna "Toni" Whitehead



Connie - October 02, 2020 at 09:35 AM

MJ

“ aunt Toni was a true and kind lady to know . Taylor your family will be in our prayers . Mark and Patty

mark johnson - October 02, 2020 at 06:34 AM

SJ

Thank you, I appreciate you and Patty remembering mom the way she was. I am so glad I got to visit with you both. Sincerely, Sharon W. Jett

sharon jett - October 18, 2020 at 04:26 PM

MJ

“ Mark Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elwyna "Toni" Whitehead



mark johnson - October 02, 2020 at 06:18 AM

AL

“ Annette Lochridge lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elwyna "Toni" Whitehead



Annette Lochridge - October 01, 2020 at 08:17 PM