



Grace Kinnebrew

August 31, 1931 - January 4, 2011

Memorial services for Grace Jean Kinnebrew, 79, of Henderson, will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011 at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Rev. Ricky Ricks officiating, under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson. Mrs. Kinnebrew passed away peacefully Jan. 4, 2011, at her home surrounded by her loving friends and the special care of Hospice of East Texas. Grace was born to Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Gilbert on Aug. 31, 1931, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Upon graduating high school, she traveled the world extensively and upon her return back to Cincinnati she met the love of her life, W.L. (Butch) Kinnebrew, who was a resident of Henderson, who had been transferred to Cincinnati for business. Grace was well known to the people of Henderson for her many years at Peoples State Bank, where she retired in 1994. Grace was always a doer, believing the way to make your town better is to be involved and she certainly was, dedicating most of her life to the service of others. Grace was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Henderson. She was a lifelong member of the Order of Eastern Star 494, lifelong member of Lions Club International, where she served as president, as well as Board of Directors. She was also awarded the Prestigious Life Membership for the Texas Lions Camp given only to those who have given exemplary service. She was a member of the Henderson Area Chamber of Commerce for many years and served as an Ambassador helping promote new business. In 1998, she was awarded the prestigious Ambassador of the Year of the Henderson Area Chamber of Commerce. Grace's proudest

achievement was serving three terms as city council woman for District 1, only stepping down due to failing health. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend and never stopped giving. She loved nothing more than a good laugh and taking care of her loved ones. Grace was preceded in death by beloved husband, Butch; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Gilbert; her brother, Troy Gilbert; her grandson, Dylan Jacobs; dear friend, Sammie Jo Skeen; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. She is mourned by her daughter, Linda Sue Delaney of Florida; granddaughters, Lacey Bremher, Sara Brown and husband Ty, Molly Delaney and great-granddaughter, Tyra Brown; Gracie's favorite cousins, Cynthia Weniger, John Wayne Stewart and Sara (Jeanette) Rust; cherished friends, Stacey Strong and husband Stephen, Charley and Jackie Floyd and Debbie Pannell, as well as many other dear friends and neighbors. Honorary Pallbearers will be Randy Freeman, Michael Bell, Russell Brown, Tim Ashmore, Thomas Ward, Greg Smith, Charlie Floyd, Mike Smith, and Buzz Fullen. It gives us great comfort to know that Gracie is finally back in the arms of her beloved Butch and our Heavenly Father and that they will never be parted again. Condolences may be made at www.crawfordacrim.com

Tribute Wall

GN

“ I'm sorry we lost touch over the years. You worked for my dad John at the bank for many years and you and I and Butch became good friends. Thank you for all of your kindness those last years I lived in Henderson before I went into the Navy. You were such a strong person and you had a heart of gold. You really helped me in many ways. I will always love you like a mother. I hope you are at peace and I hope to one day see you and Sammie Jo again.

Gary Nicholson - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Grace, my dear mother-in-law and friend. When I first met this beautiful woman she made me feel as though I had been a part of the family forever. Grace, Linda and I would sit and reminisce for hours. She did tell me at one time how she had hated being called Gracie since childhood. At 18 yrs. old she married Linda's father, Bill Martin, who is still living in Ohio. Linda has three half brothers and a sister. All of Linda's siblings are providing much needed comfort and support. After Bill, she married Eugene Jay, a Master Sargent in the Air Force. Then she married Ervin Daniels, then remarried Master Sargent Jay. Finally, through God's great plan, she met her soul mate, Butch Kinnebrew. She thrived in this relationship with Butch. They loved each other so very much. David and Malinda Norman certainly deserve mentioning. Malinda took care of both Butch and Grace for over 20 years. David and Butch were life long friends. They truly provided Grace and Butch with love, kindness and a friendship with no strings attached. We are all grieving for losing this terrific woman, but know she is where she is supposed to be. Much love, Peter

Peter Tibbitts - January 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My dear grandmother was a wonderful person inside and out. We became quite close before her passing. I thank all those who supported her and helped her through her passing & I'm sad I wasn't able to. I was to say thank you to Malinda Norman for she cared for my grandmother & grandfather Butch for years. I also would like to say that through this has made my mother & mine relationship so much stronger. She is so strong for dealing with all this pain. It's not easy losing your mother and I feel she can use all the support possible. It gives me great honor to say I am Grace Kinnebrew's granddaughter. She was a great influence to all. Thank you to my husband & daughter for being there for me through all this. Mom, I'm here for you. Grandma, I love you & miss you very much. I know you having a blast with Granddad & my brother in heaven. Always, Sarah Brown

Sarah Brown - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I was fortunate to have worked a few years with Grace at People's State Bank.....what a dear soul she was. Such a sweet lady!! When I think of her all I can picture is her beautiful smile & her infectious laugh. She did love life. I will remember your family in my thoughts & prayers. I know you take great comfort in knowing that she is with the Lord now & that her life touched others lives in a positive way.

Debbie Payne - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Grace was such a "Graceful Lady". I can never be thankful enough for the Kindness and help that Grace and Butch has shown myself and Chad during the many years we have known them. I truly believe that the "service behind the scenes" may go unnoticed by men, but when we stand before the Lord, He will reward us. Grace and Butch have received their rewards. Both suffered serious health problems, but there was never a time that I had contact with them that they focused on themselves, it was always serving others and helping anyway they could. Grace and Butch will be missed by all. But there is comfort in knowing what a healthy and good life they are living now..Donna Saffell and Chad Boatwright could.are Donna Saffell and Chad Boatwright

Donna Saffell - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Linda, I was so fortunate to have the opportunity to work with your mother at Peoples State Bank. We shared so many fun times and many laughs. She was a wonderful person and I know you will miss her terribly. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Kay Pool Myers - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ My GRANDMOTHER was a wonderful person and I loved her very, very much. Her passing has left a large hole in my heart. Watching my mother, Linda Sue, grieve is the hardest thing I have ever been through. I remember going to Melinda Norman's llama ranch on several occasions with my Grandma. These were some very special times. There are a few corrections that should be made.My Grandmother was born on August 31, *1932 in *Mistletoe, Kentucky. My great-uncle's name was Troy D. Baker. Rest In Peace Grandma,-Mollywogs

Molly DeLaney - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Linda - I was so saddend to here of your mothers passing. I was blessed to work with her while I was working at the Chamber. Grace was such a breath of fresh air. Always encouraging and smiling. She will truly be missed here in Henderson.

Cindy Benson Clifton - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ I am so very sorry that Grace has passed away. Stacey & Stephen, Jackie and Charlie and Debbie, I share in your loss. Grace was not only a very dear client - she was very close to Sammie Joe Skeen who preceased her during Dec. 2004. Sammie & Grace & Butch are really cuttin' up in Heaven and watching over those they cared about. Grace was a true lady and a wonderful person. It is really so sad to hear that her struggle is over. She lived 2 years under a hospice order and was not expected to live over 6 months. Stacey - please know that you took care of her like you would your own mother, no one could have done more for Grace. Grace was one special person to me and to many others. Love, Alison Pettiette

Alison Pettiette - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ You were truly one of the best friends we could have possibly asked for. We went through alot together. Just so you know we are taking good care of Sissy. She misses you and so do we. We love you so much. I'm glad you are finally able to be with Butch again. You missed him dearly.

Jackie and Charlie Floyd - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ You were a very dear friend to me and my children for many years and you helped us through some very dark days. You helped grow me up!! We will miss you.

Debbie, Courtney, Austin Pannell - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ I miss our 9P calls ...you will always be remembered. With love...Cynthia

Cynthia Weniger - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Grace I alway thought a lot of u for u were always there to help me even if I didnt ask. may u rest in peace . Love your cousinWayne

wayne Stewart - January 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ My dearest Moma, You have been my heart and soul. I know you are with me, but the pain in my heart will be forever. I miss you and am glad you were my Mother. All my love, Linda Sue

Linda DeLaney - January 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Grace you will be missed at Lions. I sure did enjoy seeing you at the club meeting. God Bless you and your family. You are in a much better place. Love Lynn NacolHenderson Lions Club

Lynn Nacol - January 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Grace was not only my cousin, but a friend & confidant. After losing touch for many years, God brought us back together. I am so lucky to have gotten to spend time with her once again & reminence about childhood times together. She will be missed greatly until we meet again. Grace was loved by her many family members.

Sarah J Rust - January 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ To my precious friend, Grace: You're the best friend I have ever had. We have shared so much of our lives together and your passing has left a huge void in my heart. I miss you terribly. I know we will be together again and until that time comes, rest in peace my dearest Gracie. I love you!

Stacey Strong - January 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM