



Idaleen Gibson

April 23, 1919 - October 5, 2011

Funeral services for Idaleen Maloney Gibson, 92, of the Oak Hill community, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 7, 2011, at Oak Hill Methodist Church, with burial to follow. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday evening at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. Mrs. Gibson died Wednesday morning Oct. 5, 2011, at Autumn Leaves. She was born April 23, 1919, in Henderson, to John Thomas and Della Lucille Beall Maloney, both from pioneering Rusk County families. She spent most of her life in Oak Hill, graduating from Oak Hill School in 1939. Idaleen married Rayford Gibson on Jan. 4, 1940 and they spent 63 years together until his death in 2003. Although they had no children of their own, Idaleen and Rayford were always willing to quietly "lend a helping hand" to young people who needed encouragement or financial assistance. At an early age, Mrs. Gibson joined her father in the family business, Maloney's Store in Oak Hill. After his death in 1957, she continued to operate the store until her retirement in 1990. During that time, she depended on the help of her sister, Lucille Maloney Pool, her husband and her faithful employee, Robbie Carlisle. She also served on the Board of Directors of Merchants State Bank of Mount Enterprise. As a young person, Idaleen became a member of Oak Hill Methodist Church and served as a steward, always concerned with the appearance and the comfort of the church. Along with her uncle and aunt, Monnie and Linnie Maloney, and husband, Rayford, she was involved with the establishment of Oak Hill Cemetery in 1955 and the subsequent moving of the church to its present site. In recent years, she has contributed to the Depot

Museum Country Store project, sharing artifacts from her store as well as financial support. She also helped in the acquisition of a Texas Historical Cemetery marker for Millville Cemetery where her Maloney grandparents and great-grandparents are interred. Mrs. Gibson was preceded in death by her husband, Rayford, her parents and her sister, Lucille Pool. She is survived by nephews, Lavern Gibson and Doyle Duran; nieces, Patricia Worley Armstrong and Mandy Cobb; four great-nieces; two great-nephews; a number of very dear cousins from the Maloney and Beall families and a host of friends including Theresa Caldwell and Nacho Flores. Pallbearers will be: Kevin Green, Eddie Armstrong, Nacho Flores, Mike Maloney, Gilbert Baker and Allen Gibson. Honorary pallbearers are: Bob Beall, George Bennett, Richard Ferguson, Gerald Green, Ricky Minton, Mike Pepper, Richard Thornton, Bobby Weatherford, Bob Wink and Johnny Young. Memorials may be made to Oak Hill Cemetery, 10513 FM 2011E, Longview, TX 75603.

Previous Events

visitation

OCT **6**. 5:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall

RC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Idaleen's passing. Our family was fortunate to have known Idaleen, visited with her at her home and always enjoyed her stories. I know the family will cherish all of the special memories they made with her. She was definitely one of a kind! We will continue to pray for all of the family during the coming days and weeks.

Ricky and Sheri Parker and children - October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Idaleen was truly "one of a kind". The kind that grew up knowing hard work and an appreciation for what she had. She loved her family and was a true friend. She will be missed. God Bless !!

William & Sharon Brown - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ It's a blessing that God called Idaleen home to be with Him and her loved ones. She was a good person, hard worker and loved by many.

Becky Propes - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of this great lady. She was a long time friend of my parents, Rev. Dee & Clara Johnson.

Louise Stracener - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ So very sorry to hear of the passing of Idaleen Gibson. She will be missed dearly. May God bless and comfort the family during this difficult time. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Lola Mae Gray Dudley Johnny Beall Patti Dudley Beall

Lola Mae Gray Dudley and Johnny and Patti Dudley Beall - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM