



Mabel Ruth Collins

August 4, 1922 - October 19, 2012

Mabel Ruth Collins was born August 4, 1922 in Russell Community, Leon County, Texas to Robert and Mildred Holland. She grew up with the love of her life, Clarence Raymond Collins, and they were married in 1940. She was a long time member of First Baptist Church in Euless, Texas and a charter member of North Creek Baptist Church in Leon County, Texas. In her early years she served as U.S. Postmaster in the Russell, Texas community. She retired from the U.S. Attorney's Office in Dallas, Texas in 1986 at which time she returned to her beloved home in the country to enjoy her family. Mrs. Collins was preceded in death by her husband C.R. Collins, her father and mother, Robert and Mildred Holland, her brother Edward Holland, her son-in-law Ed McAvoy, and her grandson Rodney McAvoy. She is survived by her seven children: Ray Collins and wife Maxine of Centerville, Texas; Sheryl Dorman and husband Allen (Knot) of Henderson, Texas; Bobbye McAvoy of Henderson, Texas; Charles Collins and wife Pat of Malakoff, Texas; Cathy Reeves and husband Mike of Huntsville, Texas; Mellie Burmeier of Henderson, Texas; and Mark Collins and wife Debbie of Crockett, Texas. She is also survived by a sister, Mary Bobbie Brewer of Buffalo, Texas. She has 18 grandchildren who she loved: Hal Collins and wife Denise of Fort Worth, Texas; Paul Collins and wife Tisha of Kingwood, Texas; Jill Gloede and husband David of Henderson, Texas; Rex Dorman and wife Donna of Henderson, Texas; Rusty Dorman and wife Amy of Henderson, Texas; Tony Bradbery and wife Susan of Henderson, Texas; Terry Bradbery and wife Amy

of Henderson, Texas; Collin McAvoy and wife Amber of Dallas, Texas; Rusty McAvoy and wife Lisa of Winnie, Texas; Jenna Collins of Dallas, Texas; Don Wayne Ellisor of Victoria, Texas; LeaAnn McAdams and husband Shane of Victoria, Texas; Dustin Burmeier and Nichole of Arlington, Texas; Darin Burmeier and Jennifer of Arlington, Texas; Christina Tindell and husband Brian of Centerville, Texas; Mark Collins, Jr. of Texarkana, Texas; Dylan Collins and wife Staci of Centerville, Texas and Casey Axum and husband Corey of Palestine, Texas; and 30 great-grandchildren as well as nieces and nephews. Her ministry on earth was her family. There was never a moment that one of them was not on her mind. Ruth's second family was the numerous residents and employees of Autumn Leaves Nursing Home. She considered them brothers, sisters, and a lot of them her kids. The love and concern they extended to her was beyond simply their work, and she would always convey her gratitude. She called Autumn Leaves her "home" for the last five years and truly meant it. Also, special recognition to Janell Freney for all her loving acts of generosity. Visitation will be held at the Crawford-A. Crim Chapel on Sunday, October 21, 2012 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The memorial service will be held at Crawford-A. Crim Chapel on Monday, October 22, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. and graveside services will be held at North Creek Cemetery, Leon County at 2:00 p.m. Josh Blizzard, pastor of New Life Church, will officiate the service and Ruth's grandsons will serve as pall bearers. Condolences may be made online at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Previous Events

visitation

OCT **21**. 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

CG

“ Dear Ones, I cannot tell you how much my Aunt Ruth meant to me. She allowed me to meet you all, and enveloped and included me and Ernie as part of her family. God led me to her and we loved each other, even though it was for such a short while. I will always be grateful. She was a wonderful loving lady. I will miss her too. Our love to you all. Coni & Ernie Green

Coni & Ernie Green - October 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Ruth Collins at this time. Ruth was such a wonderful & loving person. Ruth always made us feel very welcome each time we visit her. We will remember this love forever. We will always remember the Collins family.

Ricky & Linda Prior - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Bobbye, Moms are special and living without Mom is a huge adjustment. I pray for your comfort through this experience. I know you have many special memories to cherish and these thoughts will be on your mind for many days. Please know you are loved and I will be thinking of you along with all your friends. God is so good for giving you the days you had with your mother. He is always by your side. Thank you for your friendship. It means so much. Love, Sallie

Sallie Green - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ she will be missed but you have lots of good memories.

Sarita Garvin - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I am so sorry to hear about your mother. I know your memories will see you thru this difficult time.

Beth Hale Pope - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you today during this time for your family. What an amazing tribute to a wonderful lady! and family! We are sure that you all have precious memories and tales to tell and share with each other in the days ahead. Those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us. With deepest sympathy and In His Name.

JOE & DIXIE BREWER - October 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Bobbye and Family, My sincere sympathy to you and your family. I know you have wonderful memories to cherish. Linda Romer

Linda Romer - October 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ To Ms. Ruth's family: I have such great memories of the telephone company family way back when....especially of the Collins family. My deepest sympathy go to all of you. May the memories sustain you. With love and sympathy, Cynthia

Cynthia Singleton Judge - October 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ You and your family were loved by us all whole lives. So many times you called to check on Momma and Daddy. We have lost a wonderful, sweet person in this world, but Heaven has gained a real sweetheart. I was always taught to love and respect you and you leave this world with alot of people feeling as my family does about you. Love you so much, Jamie Boykin Pate

Jamie Pate - October 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I am saddened to hear about your loss of a loved one. My prayer's going up for all the family. Mother's are so special. She will truley be missed.

Larry Creel - October 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ My prayers are with you and your family at this time of loss. While we are thankful our loved one is no longer suffering, it is hard to lose that physical presence in our lives. God Bless.

Vivian Jane (Burrows) Weems - October 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM