



Mary Elizabeth (Williams) Brightwell

September 12, 1911 - October 15, 2012

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Brightwell, 101, of Henderson, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, October 19, 2012 in the chapel of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Dr. David Higgs and Rev. Bill Tisdale officiating. Interment will follow at Lakewood Memorial Park under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, October 18, 2012 at the funeral home. Mrs. Brightwell passed from this life on October 15, 2012 after a brief illness. She was born September 12, 1911 in the Sweet Gum Community to the late Napoleon Bonaparte "Polie" and Alice Bell (Hays) Williams and was a lifelong resident of Rusk County. Mrs. Brightwell went to school in the Sweet Gum Community until fifth grade, and then started school in Minden, where she rode to school in a buggy from the Sweet Gum Community. After high school graduation, she went to business school at Tyler Commercial College where she studied stenography and secretarial skills. Mrs. Brightwell worked at United Gas in Henderson, for the County Superintendent in the Rusk County Court House, and for Noys and Sandford Road Construction. In 1941, she married William Nathan Brightwell. Mrs. Brightwell became a homemaker and mother of two sons, Nathan L. "Buddy" and Michael Ray Brightwell. She was a member of the Henderson Women's Forum and First Baptist Church where she attended the Radio Bible Class. Later in life, Mrs. Brightwell enjoyed traveling with friends and family. The family would like to acknowledge her caregivers, Arma Faye Burnett, Kathy Steveson, Marretta Lynn Brown, Jessie Linthicum, Jean Mills, Galynn James,

Jeremy Arrington, Assist Care Home Health, and her family physician, Dr. Sanford Ladage for their faithful service and special friendship over the past few years. In addition to her parents, Alice Bell (Hays) and N.B. "Polie" Williams, she was preceded in death by: husband, W.N. Brightwell; sisters, Lillias Deason and Addie Allen; brothers, Roy Williams and Robert Hays "Slick" Williams; and sister-in-law, Dorothy Williams. Survivors include: sons, Dr. Nathan L. "Buddy" Brightwell and wife Sandy of Colorado Springs, CO, and Mike Brightwell and wife Denna of Henderson; grandchildren, Todd Brightwell, Jason Brightwell, Angela Cliver, Keith Brightwell and wife Tammy, Kasey Shivers and husband Chris, Scott Bedunah and wife Liza, Kyle Bedunah and wife Whitney, and May Ann Brightwell; great-grandchildren, McKenzie Brightwell, Charity Ellis and husband Matt, Bella Cliver, Emma Cliver, Riley Bedunah, Allyson, Addyson, and Aiden Bedunah; great-great-granddaughter, Aubrey Ellis; and special friends and caregivers, Faye Burnett and Kathy Steveson. Pallbearers will be Keith Brightwell, Chris Shivers, Todd Brightwell, Jason Brightwell, Scott Bedunah, and Kyle Bedunah. Honorary pallbearers will be Gary Griffin and Mike Holland. Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Previous Events

visitation

OCT 18. 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *one of a kind, and I truly loved her. Heaven now has a special friend we will see when we get there. my special feelings go out to buddy and mike.*

jerry winfrey - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Great Aunt Mary was a kind woman of faith. She will be missed. We send our condolences and prayers to all of her family and friends. Matthew 5:4 How happy are those who know what sorrow means, for they will be given courage and comfort!Nathan and Karen Champion*

Karen Champion - October 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *We are so sorry for the passing of our dear friend Mary. Mother(Frankie Swinney) had so much fun together and now will finally be together again. May God bless you and keep you.Bill and Caroll Swinney*

Bill and Caroll Swinney - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Sorry for your loss Mary was a sweet person she will truly be missed I am thinking about her family I will keep all of you in my prayers*

Maxine Hunt - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Mike & Denna & family, we were so sorry to hear about Mrs. Brightwell. You will be in our thoughts and prayers in the coming days. It hurts so much to lose someone you love, and it really never goes away, but it does get better with time.

Brenda & Henry Postell - October 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Aunt Mary will be greatly missed. Some of my earliest and most vivid memories involve her. She was a strong woman who loved her family more than anything. I really appreciate how sweet and loving she was to my grandmother over the last few years. She was so proud of her kids, grandkids, and great-grandchildren. I always enjoyed seeing the latest pictures and hearing the stories. Her thoughtful and generous demeanor and ability to make others laugh and feel special is how I will always remember her. She will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathies go out to Buddy and Mike and their families. I regret not being able to make it to the service on Friday. Please know that I am there in spirit and prayer. Love,
Christa

Christa Winfrey - October 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Keith, Kasey and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dennis Pickering - October 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going." John 14:1 - 4Deepest SympathyMatt, Charity and Aubrey Ellis

The Ellis Family - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM