



Thelma "Mema" Minter

March 4, 1921 - December 14, 2012

Funeral services for Thelma "Mema" Minter, 91, of Henderson, will be at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012 at Crawford - A. Crim Funeral Home chapel with Revs. Ray Brooks and Frank Jones officiating. Interment will follow at Long Branch Cemetery under the direction of Crawford - A. Crim Funeral Home of Henderson. Visitation will be from 5 - 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 17 at the funeral home. Mema went home peacefully on Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 with her family by her side. She was born March 4, 1921 at home in Long Branch and was a lifelong resident of both Panola and Rusk Counties. She graduated from Long Branch High School in 1939. She then worked in the '60s at the Bath House at Lake Forest Park, the Leisure Lodge, and in the '70s at Southwood Nursing Home. She would also keep many children at her home and was a loving mother and grandmother. Mema was a member of the Open Door Baptist Church, and formerly the Long Branch Missionary Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Mattie Griffith; husband, Melvin Lee "Six-shooter" Minter, Sr.; brother, Pete Griffith; sister, Betty Brady; great-grandson, Brandon Michael Wilder; sons-in-law, Bill Gray, Neal Dickeson, James Price, and Joe Arnold. Survivors include: six children, Peggy Moss and husband Sam, Elizabeth Minter, Linda Dickeson, Billie Dickeson Arnold, Melvin Minter and wife Sheri, Loring Minter and wife Charlotte, and Ann Arnold, all of Henderson; brother, Jimmie C. Griffith and wife Sentis of Long Branch; sister, Mattie Lou Magee of Henderson; 17 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces,

nephews, and friends. The family would like to thank all those who cared for Mema, including Dr. Roberson, and his nurses and staff; the Advancing At Home Healthcare and Heartsway Hospice caregivers; and the nurses and staff at ETMC Henderson. Memorial contributions may be made to Heartsway Hospice, 437 W. Panola, Carthage, Tx 75633, or to the Long Branch Missionary Baptist Church, 1530 CR 155, Long Branch, Tx 75669. Pallbearers are Kenneth Price, Terry Gray, Lynn Dickeson, Jim Lee Dickeson, Donovan Dickeson, Ricky Minter, Michael Westring, and Loring Minter, Jr. Honorary pallbearers are her great-grandsons. Condolences may be made online at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Previous Events

visitation

DEC 17. 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Miss Thelma was one of the sweetest & kindest women I have ever known.... I loved and respected her so much. She will be greatly missed!*

Christi Hudman Hays - December 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. What a blessing to have "Mema" in your lives this long to make so many memories that will be with you always.*

Cathy Wood Deason - December 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ *Dearest, Melvin, Sheri and Family, You are all in my prayers. Please know we love you and if we can do anything for your family. Please let us know. God Bless, Linda Reneau*

William and Linda Reneau - December 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Sorry for your families loss. She is an angel in heaven watching over and protecting all of you. Love Glenda*

Glenda Humphries - December 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Sorry your families loss Cindy*

Cindy Cochran - December 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Ms. Thelma was such a sweet lady. God has promised that soon 'he will wipe out every tear from our eyes, and death will be no more.' (Revelation 21:4) I hope this brings you some comfort.

C. Padron - December 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear family, Was so sorry to hear of Ms. Minter's passing. She fought the long fight and has earned her peace and rest. Through the years I came to feel like part of the family and see this as a priviledge. Thank you for sharing her life with myself and the rest of the staff at HHM. It truly was an honor to love and care for her.

Joy Forth - December 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Melvin and Family. May God's love keep you in the days to come and your many happy memories comfort you.

Brenda (Akin) Richardson - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ SHE LOVED OUR FAMILY AS IF IT WAS HERS. I WILLMISS HER CAT HEAD BISQUITS AND THOSE GREAT TEA CAKES. SHE LOVED BLUEBONNETS,WHEN WE SEE THEM IN THE SPRING WE WILL THINK OF THIS SWEET WOMAN. SHE WILL BE MISSED. LOVE CARLA AND CECIL

CECIL AND CARLA WEST - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My family and I are sadden of your loss. Thinking of everyone during this time.

Lee Scoggins - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to the Minter family , the memories you carry are such a blessing of love you shared with such a wonderful, loving ,special Memaw .We love you all ,such a loving family .

Billy & Sherry Penney - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ We are so sorry to hear about your Mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your familyGlen, Ruby and Family

Glen & Ruby Farris - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ We're so sorry to hear about Ms. Thelma. Ms Thelma was a wonderfully sweet lady. She had a sweet smile and all who knew her loved her. She was so very lucky to have children who put her best interest foremost in their minds, hearts and actions. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers.

Billy & Pat Arnold - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Peggy/MelvinPlease accept our sincere condolences. Our Best,Skip&Laura MillerJefferson, TX

Skip Miller - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“Kearby and I are so sad that we won't be able to make it tomorrow. From her dressing to her biscuits, everything Mema touched turned to gold. It wasn't just her cooking that was good, everything about her was loving and caring. She taught me a lot about life, and I know she is looking after us in Heaven. I'm glad to know that she is no longer in any pain, and I pray for our family's healing during this difficult time. Clay Boy & Kearby

Clay and Kearby Dickeson - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“So very sorry to hear of Aunt Thelma's passing. I loved her so very much. She was a grand lady and will be missed by all who knew here. Carolyn

Carolyn Jesmer - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AK

“The kindest "Aunt" of all. Bless you Aunt Thelma, as you are in the "Arms of God". You will be missed by so many lives you have touched. What wonderful family you have. Love All of You Very Much. Alma

Alma Knight - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“Our heart goes out to all of the Minter family. MeMaw will be missed by many. One of my favorite memories of her was her wonderful tea cakes. Praying for the family for peace during this difficult time. We love you.

Sherry and David Harris - December 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM