



## Bessie Nell Hazzard Arnold

July 18, 1932 - February 25, 2024

Bessie Nell Hazzard Arnold of Tyler, Texas, passed away on February 25, 2024, at the age of 91. Born on July 18, 1932, in Erath County, Texas, she was the daughter of Nellie Keith Hazzard and Hardy Hazzard. She was preceded in death by her husband, James W. Arnold, her parents, sister, Betty Ruth Hazzard, and great-granddaughter, Aubrey Arnold. Also, she was preceded by her in-laws, Clara and Loys Arnold of Arp, Texas, Leola and Paul Arnold, and Barbara and Richard Arnold.

Bessie's life was marked by faith, love, perseverance, and enthusiastic support for her family and community. She graduated from London High School in 1949, where she made many lifelong friendships. It was during her high school years that she met her beloved husband Jimmy, with whom she shared 66 years of marriage.

A devoted member of Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, Bessie taught Sunday School and led a Bible class for women for many years. She welcomed those she met with her warm, friendly smile. She was a superfan of all sports, particularly football. Her spirit was infectious, as she cheered wholeheartedly for her teams and her husband, children, and grandchildren in all their endeavors.

Bessie played tennis throughout her life and participated in the Super Seniors league until the remarkable age of 85. She was involved in various community

organizations, including the Junior League of Tyler, Criterion Club, and Women's Symphony League. Bessie was also a dedicated advocate for the Bethesda Health Clinic and London Museum.

Bessie leaves behind a legacy of love and strength. She is survived by her children and their spouses: Sherry and Tim Simpson, Keith and Mary Arnold, Jamie and Drew Landes, and Mollie and Dan Winston. Her 13 grandchildren—Benjamin, Nellie, Walter, James, Melissa, Stephen, Jonathan, John, Jimmy, Will, Bessie, A.D., and Lilly—will forever cherish her memory. Additionally, she leaves behind 14 great-grandchildren, a niece, and several nephews.

The family expresses heartfelt gratitude to Bessie's dedicated caregivers: Rosland Williams, Janie May Hardin, Yolunda Rogers, Sonya Pryor, and the compassionate team from Hospice of East Texas.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Friday, March 1, 2024, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, Tyler, Texas. Graveside services will be held at Ebenezer Cemetery, Arp, Texas, at 10:30 am on Saturday, March 2, 2024. A service to celebrate Bessie's life will take place at 2:00 pm that same day in the GABC Chapel. The Reverend Benjamin A. Simpson will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorials be made to Bethesda Health Clinic, 409 W. Ferguson St., Tyler, TX 75702 ([www.bethesdaclinic.org](http://www.bethesdaclinic.org)) or Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701 ([www.hospiceofeasttexas.org](http://www.hospiceofeasttexas.org)).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Graveside Service

MAR 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

Ebenezer Cemetery  
CR 2110  
Arp, TX 75750

## Service

MAR 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church - Chapel  
1607 Troup Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bessie Nell Hazzard Arnold*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - February 29, 2024 at 09:40 AM



“ *Much love to the Arnold family at the loss of your precious mother. Bess and Jim were among my very favorite people. I'm praying that God will hold you all especially close during this difficult time and that you will feel a sense of his strengthening presence.*  
*Love, Julie Hightower Collier*

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**Julie Collier** - March 01, 2024 at 08:15 PM

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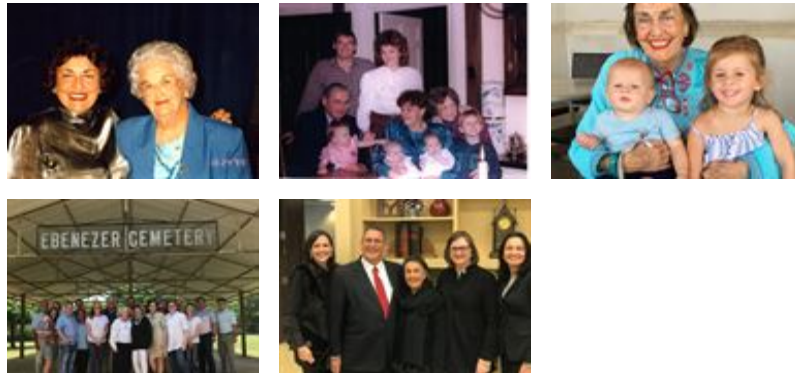
“ *We really enjoyed having Bess and Jim as neighbors for well over 25 years. They were wonderful people and we really enjoyed them.*  
*Margaret & Randy Murphy.*

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**Margaret Murphy** - March 01, 2024 at 03:05 PM



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 29, 2024 at 05:32 PM

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“ A beautiful woman, inside and out. I will treasure my memories forever.

Ginger Bell - February 29, 2024 at 01:46 PM

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“ From Wesley Traylor & Caroline Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bessie Nell Hazzard Arnold.

From Wesley Traylor & Caroline Smith - February 29, 2024 at 10:05 AM

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“ From Wesley Traylor & Caroline Smith purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bessie Nell Hazzard Arnold.



From Wesley Traylor & Caroline Smith - February 29, 2024 at 10:05 AM



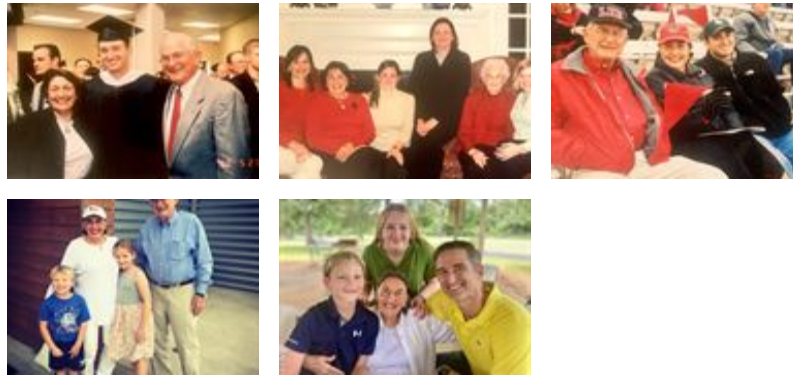
“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bessie Nell Hazzard Arnold.



February 29, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ 70 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 29, 2024 at 09:38 AM



“ Amy, John, Mollie, Dan and Steve planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bessie Nell Hazzard Arnold.

Amy, John, Mollie, Dan and Steve - February 29, 2024 at 08:26 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Bessie Nell Hazzard Arnold.*



February 29, 2024 at 08:26 AM



“ *Gary and Elaine Brumley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bessie Nell Hazzard Arnold.*

**Gary and Elaine Brumley** - February 28, 2024 at 06:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bessie Nell Hazzard Arnold.*



February 28, 2024 at 06:22 PM



“ *The picture shares her vibrant personality. She is wearing a necklace that is similar to one I wore at a REL pep rally that she liked. Will miss her as will all the family. Dave & Carolyn Halbrooks Bain*

**Carolyn Bain** - February 28, 2024 at 12:30 PM

