



Betty Tillman Banks

May 19, 2005

Funeral services for Betty Jo Tillman Banks of Tyler are scheduled for 3:00 P.M., Thursday, May 19, 2005 at the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Bryan Grant and John Lee Ussery officiating. Burial will follow at Cathedral of the Pines Cemetery under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mrs. Banks passed away Monday, May 16, 2005 after a brief illness. She was born on July 10, 1929 in Dardanelle, Arkansas to Joseph Roy (Dick) and Stella Irene Cofer Tillman. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Arkansas Tech University in Russellville. She married Arther Lee Banks on June 17, 1951. To this marriage, three children, Myra Jo, Carol Lee, and James Arther were born. She spent her life devoted to raising her family. She was committed to working in her church, and enjoyed working crossword puzzles. Mrs. Banks leaves to cherish her memory her beloved husband, Arther Lee Banks of Tyler; her daughter Carol Wood Ussery and son-in-law, John Lee Ussery of Gladewater; and son, James Arther Banks of Tyler. She is also survived by five grandchildren, Alan Keith Wood, Jr. of West Point, New York, Michael Lee Wood of Tyler, Katherine Anne Ware of Brenham, and Mackenzie and Merritt Banks of Nacogdoches. She also leaves her brother, Roy Tillman, Jr. and wife, Wanda Lee of Dardanelle, Arkansas. Mrs. Banks was preceded in death by her oldest daughter, Myra Ware, and her sister, Francis Anne Tillman. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 P.M., Wednesday at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., south Tyler, 75703.

Tribute Wall

LR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Lori Robertson - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Arther Lee and Betty were one of the first people I remember meeting when I joined 1st Baptist Dardanelle. They were always so kind and friendly. Mrs. Betty always had a kind word and a smile. She was a wonderful lady and we have missed her and Arther Lee since they moved. She will be greatly missed. God bless you and comfort you. You are in our prayers.*
Stephanie and Tim Ramey

Tim and Stephanie Ramey - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *I hold many happy memories in my heart of Betty Jo. I know she will be missed by everyone who knew her. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with the family today.*

Lydia and Joe Reid - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *When Betty Jo was living in Arkansas, we used to visit with her when we went to see Junior. She was always so nice to me and our family! Then, when I grew up and got married and had children of my own, she showed the same kindness towards them! Our thoughts and prayers are with her family as you go through this sad time. She will always be remembered by me as someone who always had a smile for me, eventhough I only saw her briefly every 5 to 10 years!*

Leslie and Jerry Voytoski and Family - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ Dear Carol,

As I sit here trying to write just the right words I am finding there are no such words or phrases.

Just know that I will be praying for you, your father and John during this sad time and pray that you will be given the strength and comfort that only the Lord can give.

Your friend

Sherry

Sherry Vickery - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Mr. Banks, just wanted to let you know how sorry I am for your loss. When you were in the office last week, the other girls and I were talking about how sweet and loving you were with Mrs. Banks. I can think of no greater impression to leave. I know you have a long road of adjustment ahead of you and I just wanted to let you know we are thinking about you this week.*

Sincerely, Connie

Connie Gulley - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Banks was also a sweet and kind woman. I used to love to visit their house as a child. She will be missed but now my grandparents have a longtime friend to visit with so Mrs. Banks is in good hands with the Lord and my grandparents. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Dana (Robertson) Chelette

Dana Chelette - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Our thoughts and love are with the family.*

James and Nancy Cofer - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *This is so nice to be able to view the pictures of Betty. I have felt the sadness in her passing as I know you all are grieving, I feel your pain. We know that we will meet again. I remember that in Carlsbad I talked to Betty about the revival that was going on at our church and I don't remember the details, but I think I called the Educational Director and he called Betty and went to visit her and she gave her heart to the Lord in her home. If I am wrong on this forgive me, that is what I recall at this time. And you know Dana told you all one time in your home here in Dardanelle that he loved to be in your home, it felt like home.*

Patsy A. Banks Shew - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Carol , we are praying for you and your family during this time of the loss of your mother. We are so sorry we were on the choir trip in California and not here when you needed us the most. We will be seeing you on your return to taking Alan to the plane so he can get back to West Point. I am so glad that John had a part in her funeral, because of his love for her and your family. We will talk with you on your return, but we certainly convey our deepest sympathy to you, and your family during this time. May God richly bless you! We love you, Ross and Pat*

Pat and Ross Meek - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *She was a wonderful, loving lady. Our prayers are with you all.
Debbie, Randy, and children*

Debbie Schluterman - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM