



Bonnie Cottrell Gilley

May 3, 2008

Graveside services for Bonnie S. Cottrell Gilley, 78, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at 2:00 PM at Salem Cemetery in Rusk with Rev. Rudy Bond officiating and under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler. Mrs. Gilley passed away on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at her home in Tyler. She was born on July 29, 1929 in Rusk, Texas to the late Juel and Nellie Buxton Cottrell. She was raised on a farm near Giddings in Old Dime Box, Texas. She moved to Rusk at an early age where she attended Rusk High School. Mrs. Gilley worked as a night auditor for Best Western Hotel in Tyler and was a member of New Life Worship Center. She enjoyed traveling, work, and most of all, spending time with her family. She also enjoyed collecting ceramic roosters as a hobby. Mrs. Gilley was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Mildred Cottrell. She is survived by a loving family including her husband of 57 years, Lloyd L. Gilley of Tyler; two sons, Lloyd E. Gilley and wife Cloie of Lindale and Joel R. Gilley and wife Gretchen of Denton; a daughter, Suzanne Gilley of Tyler; a granddaughter, Priscilla Gilley; a brother, Neiley Ray Cottrell and wife Joy of Spring; and four sisters, Ruby Jackson of Jacksonville, Ruth Knutson of Tyler, Betty Henderson of Tyler and Lela Chachere of Whitehouse. Pallbearers will be Lloyd E. Gilley, Joel Gilley, Steve Tunnell, Steven Tunnell, Kip Jones, and Kevin Jones.

Visitation is scheduled for Friday, May 2, 2008 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler.

Memorials in honor of Bonnie Gilley may be made to the American

Diabetes Association, 4100 Alpha Road, Suite 100, Dallas, Texas 75244 or the American Cancer Society, 1301 S. Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75701. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

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“ *Neilly Ray,*

*I often heard my late husband Jerry Smith mention you. In fact, Jerry is also buried at Salem Cemetery where your sister is buried; he died in 1996 of a heart attack. I placed your sister's name among those whose memories we honor with scholarships from the Jerry Smith Memorial Scholarship fund and want to convey our condolences to you and your family. You may see the list of those honored with our scholarships at www.cedardustinthewind.com .
May God bless you all.
Donna Bothwell-Smith*

Mrs, Jerry (Donna) Smith - May 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM