



## Clayre "Clay" Kirby

January 12, 1934 - July 10, 2016

Services for Clayre "Clay" Kirby, 82, of Tyler, will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2016, at 11:00 AM at West Erwin Church of Christ with Jay Lockhart and Larry Paul Fuller officiating.

Private burial will be at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kirby passed away Sunday, July 10, 2016 in Tyler after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

She was born January 12, 1934, in Conroe, TX to William Edgar and Lola Mamie Gray. She graduated from Gladewater High School in 1952, and Abilene Christian University in 1956. She later received her master's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University. Shortly after graduating from ACU, she married Jamon Kirby and began their great adventure together.

Clay spent her life devoted to teaching children in kindergarten. She taught for 34 years, 30 of which were spent at Andy Woods Elementary school. She loved her students, and was dedicated to making sure that they succeeded and thrived. She was also very involved in the children's Bible school program at West Erwin.

Clay was preceded in death by her father; her mother; her sister and brother-in-law, Louise and Elmo Hampton; brother-in-law, Al Fuller; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Bill and Jewell Dean Rumsey; and nephew, Paul Rumsey.

Left to cherish her memory is her loving family, including her devoted husband of 60 years, Jamon Kirby; daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Stan

Perkins; her beloved grandson, Grant Perkins; her sister, Betty Fuller; and her dear nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers will be Gene Branum, Greg Grainger, Andron Dunnavant, Bob Paul, Blake Lockhart, and Charles Paine.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County, 211 Winchester, Tyler, TX 75701 or [www.alzalliance.org](http://www.alzalliance.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

West Erwin Church of Christ  
420 W. Erwin St  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am SO sorry, Jamon and Suzanne, that I was unable to attend Clay's service. My mother's was going on at the same. :( The world lost two great ladies! Clay was such a sweetheart who gave of her home, her love and her time to brighten the lives of all of us! We loved her and appreciated her generosity, her friendship and her enthusiasm. Everyone loved Clay. Jamon, we love you too! May the Lord be extra close as you go through this sad time in your life.

*Kathy Blear White  
Gladewater, Texas*

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**Kathy Blear White** - July 23, 2016 at 07:41 AM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Clayre "Clay" Kirby.



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July 12, 2016 at 07:00 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Clayre "Clay" Kirby.



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