



Doris Ruth Wilks (Averitt) Charlton

November 19, 1935 - December 14, 2024

Doris Ruth Wilks (Averitt) Charlton, 89, of Tyler, TX passed away on December 14, 2024. Visitation will be held Monday, December 23, 2024 at 10:00 am until 11:00 am at Stewart Family Funeral Home. She was born on November 19, 1935 in Stephenville, TX .

She married Joe Averitt in 1952 and moved to Tacoma, WA. During that time and their return to Texas they had five children. Ruth later married Melvin Charlton in December of 1982 in Tyler. She and Mel were married thirty-two years before he passed away in October of 2014.

Ruth Charlton was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Charlton, her oldest daughter, Sheri (Tommy) Davis, Jacksonville, TX and her brother, Lonnie Wilks, Canada, as well as her parents, GC Wilks, Jr. and Maggie Jewel Wilks. Ruth is survived by two sisters, Carolyn (Gary) Averitt, Mansfield, TX, Peggy (Dan) Bigham, Arlington, TX. She is survived by four children, Debbie (Mike) Phillips, Lindale, TX, Brenda (Charlie) Rachuig, Richardson, TX, Roger (Beth) Averitt, Hideaway, TX, Phyllis (Charlie) Powell, Kingsport, TN. Ruth also has fifteen grandchildren and twenty-three great grandchildren. Special thanks to her caregivers, Pamela Benson and Julie Bingham. We owe them a wealth of gratitude for caring for her. Ruth also had caring neighbors that checked in on her from time to time.

Graveside service at Cathedral in the Pines for immediate family.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in the name of Ruth Charlton to Hospice of East Texas.

Cemetery Details

Private Family Graveside - Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *She was an absolutely HORRENDOUS step parent....she won't be missed!* ”

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“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Doris Ruth Wilks (Averitt) Charlton.* ”



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