



## Dorothy Bean

September 30, 1922 - January 7, 2008

Services for Dorothy B. Bean, 85, of Tyler, will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 10:30 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Rhett Ainsley officiating. Burial will follow in Cathedral In The Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mrs. Bean passed away on January 7, 2008 in Tyler. Mrs. Bean grew up in Gentry, Arkansas. She and her twin sister, Delores, began piano lessons when they started school, and became an accomplished two-piano team by the time they finished high school. Dorothy and Delores entered Arkansas Tech, then a two year college. During a performance at the University of North Texas, they were given the opportunity to perform Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue for Dr. Bain, head of the music department and were subsequently awarded full scholarships to North Texas. After earning master's degrees they taught at Van and Canton Schools in 1949. Delores was later killed in an automobile accident. In the summer of 1954 while visiting her parents in North Little Rock, where her father, Rev. Irl Bridenthal was pastor of Gardner United Methodist Church, she was offered the job of choir director of North Little Rock High School. After directing the choir for six years she became supervisor of music. She retired in 1984. In 1990 Dorothy Bridenthal married Roy Bean, a tenor, and along with soprano Charlotte Murry they performed many programs for senior citizens organizations. In 2001 they built a new home on Lake Palestine and moved to Texas. She was a member of the President's Council at North Texas. Dorothy was very appreciative of the impact the two

universities had on her life and has endowed scholarships at both universities. Mrs. Bean is survived by a loving family including her husband, Roy Bean of Bullard; daughter, Judy Breitling and husband Don of Bullard; son, Charles Bean and wife Betty of Nederland, TX; five grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. Visitation is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2008 at Noonday United Methodist Church immediately following the graveside service. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Roy, I'm thinking about you with love. Both of you are special to me. Take care. Keep in touch. Janice

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**Janice Hibbard** - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Roy, I am so sad for your loss of Dorothy. She was such a beautiful lady and loved you so very much. Thank you for loving her and making her life complete. Not a Sunday passes that I don't think of your "special dinner" and how much you shared the love of your music. You both will hold a special place in my heart, always! Please know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. Love, Rochelle

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**Rochelle** - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Roy...I am so saddened by Dorothy's death. What fond memories (directing and singing in the choir, playing the piano, playing handbells with her) I have of her. She was truly a lovely lady. My sympathy is with you..Sincerely Garrie Salmon, Lakewood UMC

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**Garrie** - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ Dear Roy,  
*Please accept my sincere sympathy in your loss. You and Dorothy had a very special life together Too bad it couldn't have lasted longer.*

*I have so many memories of Dorothy to cherish that I won't even try to list them. Her wonderful talent and her willingness to share it with all of us was a blessing to all who sang with her. I will miss her and will cherish her memory.*

*I wish I could be with you, but I don't get around well now, so the trip was a little too much for me to undertake, but you will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Freddie*

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**Freddie Grimmett** - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Dignified, gracious, determined, talented. Few could have done what she did so remarkably well.*

*To have lived a youth, punctuated each Sunday with the brilliant result of her efforts, was indeed a great gift.*

*Thanks Dorothy.*

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**bruce** - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Roy and family, I know how happy Dorothy was these last years of her life and she will be truly missed. I have know her almost all of my life and had the honor of standing next to her in the Jubilee Ringers for many years. Dorothy was patient with all of us! I will remember her for her musical talent, her kindness and her wit, which she shared with us often.

*Bless you and your family, Roy.*

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**JoBeth Halferty** - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Mrs Bean was my music teacher from 1955-1957 at North Little Rock High School. I appreciated her interest in her students and her desire for each one to do their very best. She inspired an interest in music for me that I still have today. I have always said she was one of my "favorite teachers" and she will always remain that.

*I pray the Lord will bless her family in this difficult time.*

*Love in Him*

*Helen Wood Moran*

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**Helen Moran** - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ I am one of the volunteers at St,Lukes Respite Care. I extend my condolences to Roy and the family. All of us at Respite Care remember the beautiful piano music as well as Roy leading singing.

*God bless all of you.*

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**LeMoyne Jones** - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dorothy was my favorite teacher of my lifetime. I don't know any of her students that didn't love her. I will always remember and she will always have a special place in my heart.

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**Jim Peterson** - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NE

“ Roy, I am so sorry for your great loss. I kept the announcement of your marriage. She was just a beauty. I attend a grief support group in NLR's Gardner UMC where her father was a pastor. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers.

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**Norma Ennis-Jaynes** - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Our class must have been the first that Dorothy taught in NLRHS. I participated in the 1954 Senior Boys Quartet, which she organized. Those were very enjoyable times. I recall our appearing on channel 11, KTHV on a noon program. The station didn't have permanent facilities, it was so new. Wonderful memories of a great teacher and elegant lady. Don't you know that there is a grand piano being played in heaven right now.  
Blessings and comfort to Mr. Bean and the entire family.

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**Don Russell** - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dorothy was one of the kindest people I have ever met and worked with. I knew her from the church and the North Little Rock School District. My prayers are with the family.

*Julia Counts*

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**Julia Counts** - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dorothy and I worked together for many years. She was such an asset to the North Little Rock School District. I treasured her friendship. She will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Roy, and your family.

Mary Worley

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**Mary Worley** - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RU

“ We mourn with you the loss of our friend Dorothy. She was incredibly talented and sharing. Her contributions to Lakewood UMC were ongoing for so many years and they and she will never be forgotten. Rip and Melba Munnerlyn

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**Rip and Melba M unnerlyn** - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ As a neighbor and friend of Dorothy and her father, I will never forget all she has meant to me. Reverend Bridenthal was called in our neighborhood, "The Shepherd of the Hills". May God comfort you all. We will all miss her greatly, and I will never forget all she and her family have done for me.

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**Christene Fortson** - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ One of my fondest memories at NLRHS was Miss Bridenthal's choir class. She was always such a lady. Someone from our class sent me an email about her death. I wish I had known she was in the East Texas area since I have been here about 10 years. I would have loved to have seen her. She had a very large impact on many people. God bless you at this time.

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**SARA TARKINGTON TUCKER** - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM