



Dovie Carnahan

January 26, 1926 - June 20, 2009

Dovie Meadows Carnahan, age 83 went to be with our Lord in the loving arms of her husband and daughter while at their farm near Garden Valley, Texas Saturday morning, June 20, 2009. She was born January 26, 1926 to parents B.F. Meadows and Claudia Shilling Meadows in Oenaville, Texas, near Temple.

Services will be held at Pollard Memorial United Methodist Church, Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at 10:00 AM, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Rob Fisher and Rev. Richard Luna officiating.

Dovie graduated from Temple High School in 1943 and the University of Texas in 1948. While working at Texas Power & Light she met her future husband Jay Carnahan and they were married June 2, 1951 in Temple. In 1952 they moved to Abilene where Jay took a job with Schlumberger Well Services. They then moved to various places including Graham, Corpus Christi and Tyler. She loved each move and made friends easily.

She was a Methodist, a long time member of Pollard Memorial United Methodist Church and taught the 3-year old Sunday school class for 30 years.

She loved to help others and for many years was a Meals on Wheels volunteer in Tyler. She and her husband loved to travel in their RV. They were members of the Rose Ramblers R.V. club and enjoyed the many club trips. Their most memorable were two trips they made driving to Alaska, one in 1997 and the other in 2001.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Eleanor Walker of Waco. Dovie is survived by her husband of 58 years, Jay Carnahan and their 3 children, daughter Diane

Carnahan of Plano, sons, Jeffrey Carnahan of Houston and John Carnahan of Las Colinas. She is also survived by niece Debbie Andrie and husband William of Ross; nephew Mark Walker and wife Milbry and their two daughters of Austin; sister-in-law Ruth Carnahan of Waco; cousins Virgil Shilling and Pallie Dearman of Houston; Carl Shilling of Silsbee and David Shilling of Harker Heights. Visitation will be Tuesday, June 23, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be A.J. Triggs, Larry Whitaker, Cliff Hughes, Charlie Smith, Bill Flanagan and Herschel Tipton. Honorary pallbearers will be the Men's Bible Class at Pollard UMC. Memorials and donations can be made to Pollard Memorial United Methodist Church, 3030 New Copeland Rd., Tyler, 75701; Meals on Wheels of Tyler, 3001 Robertson Rd., Tyler, 75701 or the Alzheimer's Alliance of North East Texas, 211 Winchester, Tyler, 75701.

Tribute Wall

SL

“ Truly a member of the LeVan family, Dovie was a very special person in the life of my parents. Dovie and my mother maintained a close relationship built on regular correspondence until my mother passed away in 1970; the correspondence continued with my father until he passed away in 1990. I continued the family tradition from then on. My husband and I were very pleased to have Dovie and Jay visit us in Atlanta for a weekend a few years ago. It was a very special several days and, I am so happy that we had that time together.

Jay, Diane, Jeff and John - I know you will miss her. Love, Salli

Salli LeVan - June 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Jeff I'm so sorry to hear about you losing your mom...I know how much you must hurt. Thank God for your wonderful memories and the awesome love she gave over the years.... I'm here if you need anything ok? Take care and please give your family my love as well.

Ty

Ty Davidson - June 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Diane and Family*

Both Gary and I are thinking for you.

Keep with you all the wonderful memories of your mother as they will live on forever.

Margaret McCollum - June 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Dovie was a true blessing for the Pollard church family. Always an encourager and supporter, she shaped the lives of many young children and their families. Our thanks to God for all the ways she made His love known!*

Rev. Richard Luna - June 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *She was a sweet lady. Keep your faith she is in God's hands now. She will always be in your heart.*

Patti Watson - June 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM