



Louise Herrington Ornelas

June 15, 1925 - December 19, 2018

Louise Herrington Ornelas went to be with the Lord on December 18, 2018 (on her daddy's 120th birthday) in Tyler, Texas at the age of 93. Louise is survived by her husband of 26 years, Joseph Z. Ornelas; sister Ann Kimrey of Tyler; brother Billy Creel Herrington and wife Peggy of Tyler; sons Rick Rogers and wife Mary Jane of Simsboro, LA; Randy Rogers and wife Brenda of Bryan, Texas; Russell Rogers and wife Esther of Springdale, Arkansas; daughters Becky Wangner and husband Rob of Brentwood, TN; Sheryl Palmer of Tyler; Cindy Scott of Chandler, TX; Rita Seldenrust and husband John; and Andrea Wegener and husband Dave. 20 grandchildren: Michelle Drewett and husband Patrick; Andrea Lazenby and husband David; Richard Rogers; Ryan Rogers; Austin Rogers and wife Heather; Bethany Rogers; Connor Wangner and wife Courtney; David Wangner; Jackson Wangner; Molly Wangner; Rachel Tillery and husband Charles; Rebecca Rogers; Reid Rogers; Russ Rogers; Robby Rogers; Lauren Seldenrust; Elise Seldenrust; Andrew Seldenrust; Rachel Seldenrust; and Benjamin Wegener. 8 great-grandchildren: Brandon Drewett; Daniel Drewett; Beau Drewett; William Lazenby; Spencer Lazenby; Chuck Tillery; Victoria Grace Tillery; and Crew Wangner.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents, Bill & Minnie Herrington; brothers Al Herrington and Charles Herrington; sisters Jean Lancaster and Ellen Thurman; son Robby Rogers, and first husband Army Sgt. Martin

Eugene Pettis. She was co-founder of TCA Cable TV, Inc along with her second husband, Robert M. Rogers.

Louise was born June 15, 1925 in Las Cruces, NM. She grew up in Arp, TX and has lived in Tyler since 1957. While best known in East Texas as a philanthropist to many causes including education, healthcare, furthering the Kingdom of God, and using the resources she was blessed with to improve the lives of many people, she always thought of herself simply as the Girl from Arp. She was the 2nd of 7 children to Bill and Minnie Herrington. Her family had limited resources, but it was a home full of love and laughter and hard work.

She was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church for 55 years. She treasured the Word of God and took seriously her charge to “Train up a child in the way they should go” and, as a result, all her children walk with the Lord. She worked hard to make a blended family one family unit – insisting the family be brothers and sisters and sons and daughters and never using the word “step”. All were loved.

She had a fun-loving spirit. She got great pleasure in pranking friends. You knew if you got pranked by her, that you were in her inner circle.

Services for Louise Ornelas will be held Saturday, December 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Green Acres Baptist Church Chapel with Dr. David O. Dykes officiating. Burial will follow at Mason Cemetery in Arp under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 21, 2018 in the Bethany Suite and Worship Center foyer of Green Acres Baptist Church.

Pallbearers will be Russ Rogers, Robby Rogers, Ryan Rogers, Austin Rogers, Richard Rogers, David Wangner, Connor Wangner and Reid Rogers.

Honorary pallbearers will be Brandon Drewett, Daniel Drewett, Beau Drewett, Jackson Wangner, William Lazenby and Spencer Lazenby.

The family is thankful for the dedicated caregivers in her final years: a special thanks to Denise Grubbs for her loving care. Thanks also to Christus Trinity Mother Frances, At Home Healthcare, and Hospice of East Texas.

And finally, Dick Sulser was a loyal and dedicated assistant for 35 years and one of her best friends. Thank you, Dick.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that you make a donation to an organization of your choice that furthers the kingdom of God.

Cemetery Details

Mason Cemetery

21800 CR 252
Arp, TX 75750

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church Worship Center
1607 Troup Hwy.
Tyler, TX 75701

Service

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church - Chapel
1607 Troup Hwy
Tyler, TX 75701

Tribute Wall

PB

“ I loved Louise so very much, and met her in a Bible Study, in the 70's. She was one of the sweetest, kindest people I have ever known, and loved the Lord. She will be greatly missed, and I look forward to seeing her in the presence of the Lord...Pat Crawford Boatright

Pat Crawford Boatright - December 22, 2018 at 07:09 PM

MJ

“ Rick and Mary Jane, So sorry to hear about Lou. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Mimi and Rex Johnson

Mimi Johnson - December 22, 2018 at 04:41 PM

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“ Lou introduced Virbel and me and was a wonderful gift of love. I was given many years of happiness with Virbel. I guess Lou and Virbel are greeting one another in heaven, along with many friends who have gone before them. I can't imagine what joys they are all sharing. So thankful God put you all in my life. My prayers for peace and contentment at your loss.

Sue Trotter - December 21, 2018 at 09:17 PM

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“ Lou was a beautiful, wonderful woman who helped make this a better world.
She had a generous spirit and a delightful sense of humor.
We were blessed to know her.
--Sammy and Alice Rhodes

Alice Rhodes - December 20, 2018 at 10:22 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louise Herrington Ornelas.



December 20, 2018 at 12:16 PM



“ The RoseRock family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Louise Herrington Ornelas.



The RoseRock family - December 20, 2018 at 12:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Louise Herrington Ornelas.



December 20, 2018 at 11:17 AM



“ With Love, The SubVentures Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Louise Herrington Ornelas.



With Love, The SubVentures Family - December 20, 2018 at 10:45 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louise Herrington Ornelas.*



December 20, 2018 at 07:36 AM



“ *Lou was one of the kindest ladies we ever knew. We first met when Randy and our became firm friends in kindergarten. Later Lou and I became Partners in Pink Ladies while pushing a juice cart around the hospital. Then there were the band moments we shared with our children and the REL Band. Lou was a friend to all who know her. She will be missed. Dan and Marie Dusek*

Dan & Marie Dusek - December 19, 2018 at 09:01 PM



“ *... .. may her soul Rest In Peace. Amen. she was one formidable good heart! when she learned that I was celebrating my naturalization as a new American citizen at the table next to her birthday lunch in a local Tyler restaurant, she graciously said from here on, remember this country girl from Arp is your citizenship godmother! Let us bless the Lord, thanks be to God!*



ed santos PT - December 19, 2018 at 10:32 AM