



## Ludee Burns

August 3, 2012 - April 23, 2012

Funeral services for Mrs. Ludee Burns will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 3:00 PM with Dr. Stuart Baskin officiating, there will be a visitation with the family prior to the service at 1:30 PM. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Burns died on the morning of April 23 after a brief illness.

Mrs. Burns was born in Harrison County to Myrtle and Alfred Smith. She attended school in New Diana and graduated from Longview High School and Kilgore Junior College.

She married Robert L. (Bob) Burns in 1941 in Kilgore. After serving in WWII, they returned to Kilgore where Ludee worked at Pioneer Drug and K. Woolens while Bob was a teacher for Kilgore ISD. They moved to Tyler in 1947 when Bob was named principal of Marsh Elementary School.

Ludee was a bookkeeper for Henry Bryant, CPA in the Fair Building and later for East Texas Typewriter Exchange while Bob served as a principal in the Tyler schools over the next 25 years.

After she became a young widow in 1972, Ludee started her own business in Tyler, National Office Machines. Her business sold and serviced typewriters and office machines throughout East Texas for the next 20 years.

Mrs. Burns was an active member of First Presbyterian Church for 65 years. She and Mr. Burns were among the original members who "laid the first brick" in 1948 with Dr. John Anderson at the current location of the church on Rusk Street. She was a member of the Women's Circles 2 and 3 and was Co-Moderator of the Presbyterian Women

in 1997 and served on several committees and in many capacities at the church over the years. She was a member of the Zonta International Club, the Business and Professional Women's Club of Tyler, and was an active supporter and volunteer for the Women's Crisis Center. She loved going to her family farm in Harrison County near Marshall, watching Dallas Cowboy football, and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Survivors include her two daughters and sons-in-law: Beverly and Bob Dillon of Tyler and Laney and Dennis Freeman of Dallas; her sister, Helen Clark of Tyler; her six grandchildren: Kristina Duke of Rowlett, Emily Nasits of New York City, Allison Freeman of Tyler, Elizabeth Dillinger of Atlanta, Amy Abbott of Houston, and Michelle Liebel of Houston; her 4 great-grandchildren: Reagan, Carson, Jackson, and Peyton; and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Mike Burns, Bill Cleneay, Bob Dillon, Jason Duke, Dennis Freeman, Christopher Howell, and Preston Smith. If desired, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 230 W. Rusk St., Tyler, Texas 75701, Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701, Scottish Rite Children's Hospital, 2222 Welborn St., Dallas, Texas 75219 or the charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ Dear Laney, Your mom was a pioneer and a terrific business woman. I have always admired her!  
And I will miss her.  
Warmly,  
Deana

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**Deana Vick Davidson** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We are so sorry about the loss of your dear loved one. She was a very special lady. We remember both of your parents so fondly from our years knowing both Bob and her as students at Marsh Elementary and Roberts Junior High. Our parents, Eben and Hedwig (Hattie) Garrard, were friends of theirs. My mom enjoyed working as PTA president and many other offices while he was the principal at Marsh. One of the memories that we still enjoy is their presentation of the Womanless Wedding. All the cast had such fun. Those were the good old days. Treasure your memories. They hold your loved one close forever.

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**John and Hedwig (Garrard) Hardie** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Thinking of you & the girls!! I have sweet childhood memories of Ludee when she came to Atlanta to visit.  
We love you, Bryan, Heather, Brooks, & Bennett

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**Bryan & Heather Boyer** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Beverly, Laney and family, May your friends give you comfort at this time and may God's love give you peace. We will lift you all up in our prayers and may you always keep your precious memories close to you hearts.

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**Tom and Peggy Peavy** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ We think of you Laney and Beverly as you go through this time. We both have lost a parent and know the heartache. Prayers are with you as you go through the coming days. GOD will help you each step of the way. Hugs and see you soon!

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**Babs and Phil** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ With thoughts of peace and courage for you as you grieve the loss of your Mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

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**Margie Angell** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dear Laney and family,

We are so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing and we will have you in our prayers during this time. Please let us know if you need anything at all.

Bill, Judy and Hayley

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**Bill, Judy and Hayley Fries** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Know that our love, thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate the amazing life of Ludee. Certainly she left a positive mark among her family, friends, and community. Heaven is richer with her presence.

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**Dave and Nancy Morris** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ A lovely lady has left us. She will be missed by her family and friends. She will not be forgotten. Her new home with Christ will bring her everlasting love and happiness.

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**Eloise Myers** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ As you celebrate your Mother's life, I know that you are cherishing many special memories. Please know that many thoughts, prayers, and blessings are headed in your direction for you and yours.

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**Ann and Pierce Doan** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ You were always my Favorite aunt!  
I Love you and will Miss You!

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**Brenda Frisby** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Beverly, I was so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I know your wonderful memories will see you through your grief. Tim and I offer our condolences and sympathies to you and the rest of your family during this difficult time.

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**Libby and Tim Seago** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*wayne*

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**wayne kniffen** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Laney -*

*It saddens me greatly to hear of your mom's passing. You and your family will be in my prayers. Think of you often.*

*Melissa*

*"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. John 5:24*

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**Melissa Miller** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Miss, Beverly, my love and prayers are with your family. I am so happy that Mr. Burns is holding his Ludee once again! Keep close to your heart all of the wonderful memories your precious family has made!*

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**Cindy Connally Grimes** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Laney and Beverly I am so sorry for the loss of your mother Ludee. She was a true treasure. My thoughts are with you and your families.*

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**Janet Freeman** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Beverly, Bob & Girls,

*I just heard about Ms. Ludee's passing. We all know she no longer suffers and she is probably dancing in the streets of gold at this moment.*

*I want you to know that you are in our prayers as you pass through this time. It is always tough to loose a loved one. Hold on to the memories! I can tell you that not a day goes by that I do not think of my parents and grandparents. How fortunate we have been to have such good folks lay the pathways for our lives. Cherish those memories!*

*I wish that I could be with you to celebrate this life, but our team car is racing in Houston this week. Until we meet again, May the Lord Bless You and Keep You in His Grace!*

*Sincerely,  
Steven Smith*

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**Steven Smith** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ We are so sorry for your loss and will be keeping you all in our prayers.

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**Greg Todd** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM