



Mary Bess Burch

July 20, 1929 - March 25, 2013

A funeral service for Mary Bess Burch, 83, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Stewart Family Funeral Home with Dr. Steve Simmons officiating. Visitation will be held preceding the service at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Following the service, burial will take place at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Burch went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on March 25, 2013 at the Hospice of East Texas in Tyler.

Mary Bess was born on July 20, 1929 in Rusk, Texas to Edwin D. and Alma Lewis Guinn. She grew up in Rusk, graduating from Rusk High School in 1946. She then attended the University of Texas at Austin where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. After graduating from the University of Texas in 1950, she went to Port Arthur, Texas, to teach school. There she met Charles Burch, and they were married on June 16, 1951. They lived in Port Arthur, Texas, Arlington Heights, Illinois, and Beaumont, Texas, before retiring to Tyler in 1991. Being a committed Christian, Mary Bess served as a Group Leader in Bible Study Fellowship for many years. After moving to Tyler, she joined Fifth Street Presbyterian Church. She was also a member of The Tyler Garden Club for many years.

Pallbearers will be Brian Burch, Leo Hebert, Gary Hopkins, Lynn Moore, Shannon Vale and Shawn Bryant.

She is survived by her husband of over 61 years, Charles O. Burch of Tyler;

daughter, Beverly Burch of Arlington, Texas; son, William Guinn Burch and wife, Donna, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; two grandchildren, Brian and Julie Burch, also of Tulsa; her sister, Beverly Kanewske and husband, Joe, of Tyler; her brother, Robert Guinn and wife, Mary, of Lancaster, Texas; and her brother-in-law, Ralph Burch and wife, Dorothy, of Port Arthur, Texas.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

MAR 30 (CT)

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7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
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Tribute Wall

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“ *She was my friend for forty years. I loved her like a sister and I will miss her terribly.* ”

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