



Mary Louise Laurence

June 23, 1928 - April 2, 2014

Services for Mary Louise Laurence, 85, of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 10:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Carter officiating.

Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Laurence passed away Wednesday, April 2, 2014 in Kingsland.

She was born June 23, 1928 in Chelsea, OK to Alphonse and Agnes VanHaverbeke.

Mary was a member of Colonial Hills Baptist Church. She grew up in New London where she met and married the love of her life, Jake Laurence. Fort Stockton was their home for many years, where she helped her husband in his business. They moved to Tyler in 2002 after her husband's retirement. Among the many things she enjoyed, her favorites were traveling with her husband in their motor home and spending time with her grandchildren. She was proud that she had the time to spend with her children while they were growing up.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five siblings.

She is survived by her loving family including her husband of 65 years, Jake Laurence of Tyler; daughter, Margaret Ruckriegel of Celina; sons, James Michael Laurence and wife Benita and Dr. Charles Laurence and wife Cheryl of Lockhart, who lovingly cared for "Lou" in her final months; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother and two sisters.

Honorary pallbearers will be Tom Leake, Joe Laurence, Joshua Laurence, Shawn Marthiljohni and Brian Marthiljohni.

Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 to 7:30 PM on Friday, April 4, 2014 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

The family appreciates all the kindness and support given to “Lou” and Jake during her time of illness.

If desired, memorials may be made to Colonial Hills Baptist Church, 7300 S. Broadway, Tyler 75703 or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Cemetery

2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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

Service

APR 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“*Jake, mother sends her love to you and your children. She is so sorry for the loss of Mary, your beloved wife.*”

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