



## Mignonne Berger Cleneay

June 23, 1917 - September 24, 2015

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Mrs. Cleneay passed away Thursday, September 24, 2015. She was born on June 23, 1917, in Covington, Louisiana. Her early years were spent in southern Mississippi and south Louisiana, where her family was in the lumber business. She graduated from Port Allen High School in Port Allen, Louisiana, and attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. While living in Port Allen, Mignonne met one of her neighbors, Bland Cleneay, who was to be her future husband. She married him in 1938. They resided in Louisiana until 1942, when Mr. Cleneay was called to service by the army. Following WWII, they lived in southern Louisiana and in Franklin, Tennessee, before moving to Tyler in 1958.

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unmistakeable southern drawl was particularly popular at St. Gregory's Elementary School, where she enjoyed teaching students whom she referred to as "precious little people". Relatives and friends will always share many fond memories of Mignonne, recalling wonderful weekends of laughter at her family lake house. There, she loved to cook constantly for everyone. From Cajun crawfish boils to coffee and conversation, those lucky enough to be present could

always count on enjoying "lagniappe"- just a little bit extra. She leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion. For that, and for her long life of 98 years, her family is most grateful.

Mrs Cleneay is preceded in death by her parents, Mignonne and William Berger, her husband, Benjamin Bland Cleneay, and her son, Ben B. Cleneay, junior. She is survived by her loving family, including her children, Mignonne Hughes and husband, Hal of Dallas, Bill Cleneay and wife Claudia of Tyler, and Carol Frazee of Plano; grandchildren, Meredith Noble and husband Ted of Dallas, Natalie John and husband Douglas of Dallas, Nicole Motley and husband Stewart of Dallas, Megan Frazee of Plano, Nancy Jones and husband Stephen of Superior, Colorado, and grandson, Chris Howell of Las Vegas, Nevada; great-grandchildren, Lauren, Cameron, and Allison John of Dallas, Colin and Conrad Noble of Dallas, Reagan Motley of Dallas, Rayne and Kinsey Jones of Superior, Colorado.

Pallbearers will be Dan Birch, Jeff Birch, Chris Howell, Douglas John, Stewart Motley and Ted Noble. Memorials may be made in honor of Mignonne Cleneay to St. Gregory Cathedral School, 500 South College Avenue, Tyler, Texas 75702, or to The Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to the staff at the Prestige Estates, as well as to Mrs. Cleneay's devoted and loving caregivers, Reabie Williams and Mary Brown. The tenderness and devotion of these "guardian angels" provided a great source of consolation to the family.

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# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Cemetery

Baton Rouge, LA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 30. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

SEP 30. 6:30 PM (CT)

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7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
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## Funeral Mass

OCT 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Cathedral  
412 North Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802



# Tribute Wall

SR

“ *Sally Retchless lit a candle in memory of Mignonne Berger Cleney* ”



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**Sally Retchless** - September 28, 2015 at 09:16 AM

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“ *Susan Frye lit a candle in memory of Mignonne Berger Cleney* ”



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**Susan Frye** - September 28, 2015 at 02:35 AM

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*I met Ms Cleney through my job as Activity Director at Prestige Estates Assisted Living. We made lots of trips to one of her favorite places, Hobby Lobby. She made sure she bought her holiday decorations as soon as they put them out and before they sold out. I loved listening to her. She talked about her family on our errands and her laughter was contagious. I will miss Ms Cleney dearly. She was a very special soul. And everytime I take a trip to Hobby Lobby, I will definitely think of her.*

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**Susan Frye** - September 28, 2015 at 02:45 AM