



Nettie Holden

January 19, 1922 - March 6, 2007

Holden, Nettie Ruth Barbee went to be with the Lord on March 6, 2007. She was a lifelong resident of Tyler but had been residing in Dallas for the last 6 months to be closer to her daughter. She was born January 19, 1922 and is the last of 10 children from the union of Josie Byrum Barbee and Rodney Barbee. She was a class of 1940 graduate from Tyler High. Nettie met Bob, her loving spouse of 64 years when he was stationed in Tyler learning radio code to prepare for his assignment in WWII. After a brief courtship of 3 months the two decided they were meant to be together forever and when he returned for a visit they were married on October 26, 1942. After the war they settled in Tyler after a brief stint in Washington and made it their home for 63 years. They built the Lamplighter Mobile Home Park on the Van Hwy together and made many lifelong friends from their tenants. Bob retired in 1984, and they decided to continue with their jewelry concession business and travel the country in their motor home working various fairs and festivals. They worked at the Tyler Fair for a total of 49 years until they decided to volunteer at Michigan State Park during the summers. When they were home from their travels and work they enjoyed a lovely home at Lake Tyler. Their other time off was spent traveling to other countries and with old friends. She was a member for many years of Wesley United Methodist Church before transferring her letter to Glenwood United Methodist in Tyler. Nettie is survived by her "precious" Bob of 64 years and 4 children; Lee and wife Debbie of Crosby, Sherry and husband Charles from Richardson, Lon and wife Rebecca from

Round Rock and Dale and wife Melissa from Louisville, Kentucky. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the caring staff at Presbyterian Village North in Dallas for the comfort and care they provided for Nettie in her last days. They would also like to suggest that in lieu of flowers that a contribution to the research of Alzheimer's be considered. The family visitation will be Thursday, March 8, 2007 from 6pm ? 8pm at Stewart Family Funeral Home at 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, 75703. The services will also be there on Friday, March 9, 2007 at 11:00 AM with Rev. Carol Heath officiating. Internment will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Dustin Hansford, Blake Mata, Rodney Barbee, and Troy Mata. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Love and Sympathy*

Zonetta Hitt - March 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Bob, Lee, Sherry, Lon and Dale,
I am so sorry for your loss of Nettie. I have so many memories (and photos) of our families together when Lee and I were young, as were our parents (G. D. and Gwen). I loved Nettie. She will be missed.*

Love, Lynn Higgins Horton

Lynn Higgins Horton - March 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Uncle Bob and family,
I know going through times like this is hard, believe me I have been there but God can help us through. I pray that he will give you strength and courage in the days ahead. My thoughts and prayers will be with you. I feel like I married into a good family, each of the Barbee family have been very special to me.*

Ann Barbee - March 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM