



Ovada "Toodie" Horne

September 9, 1928 - January 19, 2024

Ovada ("Toodie") Horne of Tyler died peacefully after a long illness on January 19, 2024. She was 95. Born to Katherine LaGrand and Elzie Lee Horne in 1928 in Mitchell, Louisiana, her young family moved to the oil boom town of Kilgore, Texas, in the early 1930's. Ovada attended Kilgore public schools and graduated from Kilgore High School. She then obtained an Associate Degree in Business from Kilgore Junior College.

After graduation, Ovada moved to Dallas where she enjoyed a rewarding career with Texas Power & Light where she administered the retirement program. Upon her retirement from TP&L, she moved to Tyler where she was an active member of the historic Marvin Methodist Church, serving on many boards and committees. She was a longtime supporter of PATH, "People Attempting to Help," a Tyler-based non-profit aiding approximately 20,000 families in need in Smith County. In later years she assisted in the studio of Ken Horne Interiors.

Well known for her sharp and quick wit and for sustaining lifelong friendships, Ovada was preceded in death by her sister, Betty Jo Byers. She is survived by her loving brother, Kenneth Horne, Tyler; niece and nephew-in-law Susan Byers Dicolla and Ken Dicolla of Wildomar, California; and two great-nephews, as well as cherished friends Cheryl Bolt Parker, Cynthia Bolt Bengtson and Eleesa Almand Wingo.

Graveside services will be held at Kilgore City Cemetery, on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Marvin Methodist Church, 300 W. Erwin, Tyler, TX 75702 (<https://marvin.church>) or PATH, 402 W. Front St., Tyler, TX 75702 (www.pathhelps.org).

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 25. 2:00 PM (CT)

Kilgore City Cemetery
200 Memorial St.
Kilgore, TX 75662

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our prayers are with you Ken. We so enjoyed visiting with you both and loved the Kilgore connection we shared. We send love, hugs and prayers. David and Rebecca Mohr*

Rebecca Mohr - January 25, 2024 at 03:14 PM

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“ *Precious Ovada! Heaven has gained a great light! Ken, prayers for peace for you. She always had a smile & hug for me.*

Cathy Hirt - January 24, 2024 at 08:05 PM