



## Thelma Edwards

August 23, 1919 - September 15, 2006

Mrs. Thelma Sandifer Edwards, aged 87, died at Clairmont Nursing Home in Tyler, Texas, Friday night, September 15, 2006 at nine o'clock, following an extended illness. She was carried to Tyler, TX three weeks before her death to be with her daughter Lois Edwards, where it became apparent that she had no chance in her long fight to regain her health and return to her home in Benton, Arkansas. Surviving her are her daughter Lois E. Edwards of Tyler, TX; her son Robert Allan Edwards and his wife JoAnn of Benton, AR; three granddaughters, Cassandra Liberto Bramlett and her husband Jason Bramlett of Tyler, TX; Alecia Edwards Hamilton and her husband Richard Hamilton of Little Rock, AR, Toni Liberto Aschbacher and her husband William "Bill" Aschbacher of Keller, TX; her only grandson Benjamin Joseph Edwards and his wife Ashley Edwards of Fayetteville, AR; seven great-grandchildren, Presley Taylor Bramlett, Parker Theron Bramlett, Paris Grace Bramlett, Anna Rose Hamilton, Addison Claire Aschbacher, Andrew Richard Hamilton, and Cora Jane Edwards and her sister Daisy Sandifer Wilson. Mrs. Edwards was born August 23, 1919 in Sabine Parish, Louisiana near Robeline and was raised and educated in Robeline and Natchitoches Parish. She worked at the Louisiana Army Amunition Plant during World War II and again during the 1970s. She moved with her family to Shreveport, LA after World War II and worked in the restaurant business until retiring. She later became a hostess at Rose Neath South Side Funeral Home in Shreveport, LA. Mrs. Edwards had been a resident of Benton, AR since July 1994 where she lived near her son

until she became ill. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Benton, AR and the Gold Star Wives. She was firm in her convictions, hard working, loving and loyal to her family and friends. She probably had as wide a circle of family and acquaintances as anyone and loved her family greatly. She enjoyed embroidery, quilting and her grandchildren. She said "Her door was always open and everyone was welcome in her home." She was preceded in death by her parents Beatrice Woodel Sandifer and Henry Jefferson Sandifer; a sister Ruby Sandifer Neal; husband Void Allen Cruse who was killed during the invasion of Normandy during World War II and husband Robert Ashford Edwards. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, September 18, 2006 at Central Baptist Church in Robeline, LA near her birthplace and childhood home. The services are in charge of the Rev. Crawford Williams of Shreveport, retired pastor of Ingleside Baptist church and Stewart Family Funeral Home of Tyler, TX. Interment will be in the family plot at Central Cemetery in Robeline. The family will receive visitors and friends at the church from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. prior to the funeral services. Active pall bearers will be Ben Edwards, Jason Bramlett, Richard Hamilton, Bill Aschbacher, James E. "Jimmy" Neal and George Clary. Honorary pall bearers are Douglas Neal, Ronnie Neal, A. C. Wilson, III, Warren Woodel , Charles Clary and Joe Mangogna. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Thelma was like my second mother. Her two children Robert and Lois were my only brother and sister. She will be greatly missed for her benevolent service to others and her service as Matriarch of the Sandifer/Woodel family after our grandmother's death.

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**Triple** - September 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Dear Robert and Lois, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Aunt Sue was a truoy great lady, kind, loving and so witty. Ronnie and I have such a heavy heart knowing that her time with all of us was yet, too short. Seh was so great to Cory andi , when I married Ron Jr. in 1994. She welcomed me warmly into the Sandifer/Neal fold. she played baseball with Cory at the family reunion, and was such a lovely and elegant lady. Ronnie says he now has a new angel to look after him, and it is his beloved "Aunt Sue". We are praying for strength and comfort that only Christ can provide. Please know that our hearts break and ache with yours.

*In Jesus,  
Ronald L. Neal Jr.  
Carol s. Neal  
Cory C. Garcia  
Alijah N. Garcia*

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**Ronald Lee Neal, Jr, & Carol S. Neal** - September 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

UH

“ We will truly miss her.

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**Uncle Everett and Aunt Hazel** - September 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ We loved her very much. We'll never forget all the summers we spent with her (and of course Lois and Bubba). We're so glad she was part of our lives. Although we didn't see each other as much as we'd like, we'll miss her.

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**Vikki, Beverly and Ronald** - September 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ We love Aunt Sue very much and we will miss everything about her. She was a very special lady who was quick to show her love for others. She welcomed us in her home on more occasions than we could count and we always loved being there with her. Patrick remembers going to stay with Aunt Sue when he was a kid and running around the house looking for the rubberbands that she left on the doorknobs for him to find. It made him feel special. We look forward to reuniting with her again one day.

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**Patrick and Lisa Neal** - September 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *Thelma joined our family over 59 years ago when she married my brother, R. A. That union produced two wonderful children, Robert Allen (Bubba) and Lois Elaine. Add to that all the beautiful grandchildren and great-grandchildren who are a result of that union and my family can certainly be grateful for their marriage.*

*Right now, I'm sure Thelma is having a joyful reunion with all her loved ones in Heaven who have gone before, but she will be sorely missed in this earthly life. However, so long as there is someone who remembers her, she will never die.*

*I will always remember Thelma.*

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**Edna E. Jennings** - September 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM