



## Thelma Louise McElveen

July 18, 1935 - October 12, 2017

Thelma Louise McElveen, 82, passed away peacefully on October 12, 2017. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, October 22, at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Darryle Dunks officiating at Emerald Bay Community Church in Bullard, Texas.

Thelma was born on July 18, 1935, in Athens, Texas to Dr. H.R. and Louise Tucker. After graduating from high school, Thelma attended Henderson County Junior College and then East Texas College at Commerce where she graduated with a degree in physical education and English. She became a summer missionary in Jamaica and also worked with groups as a youth director in the Dallas area.

While working at the church, she married the love of her life, Waldo Emerson McElveen on April 20, 1957. They just celebrated their 60th anniversary.

Thelma taught elementary students for 33 years. Her career spans from Dallas, Grand Prairie, Westwood, and Lufkin. After retiring, she and her husband moved to Bullard, Texas to call Emerald Bay their home.

Being an active member of the community gave Thelma great joy. She volunteered with Vacation Bible School at the Emerald Bay Community Church, taught clogging, performed with the "Grannies," sang in the choir,

played hand bells, and enjoyed playing mahjong. Thelma loved the Lord, her family, and serving others.

Thelma is survived by her husband, Emerson McElveen; son David and wife Melissa of Bullard, and son Clay and wife Lisa of Lufkin; grandchildren Tara Bailey and husband Wes of Tyler, Jessica Johnson and husband Zach of Abilene, Chad McElveen and wife Sable of Houston, Katie McElveen and Lindsay McElveen both of Lufkin; great-grandchildren Aubrey Bailey of Tyler and Ellie Allen of Lufkin; brother Robert Tucker and wife Margaret of Boerne.

# Previous Events

## Mem. Service

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Emerald Bay Community Church  
160 La Salle Rd  
Bullard, TX 75757

# Tribute Wall

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“ I send blessings to the Family and I trust you all are well. May you all experience God's Peace in all times. Bubba

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**Edwin Covington** - October 20, 2017 at 03:07 PM

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“ Thelma and I were sister-cousins. We shared the kinds of dreams and emotions that sisters do. She had a creative sense of humor and a loving heart. When my grandkids were learning to read, every time they read the word "duck" Thelma would go "quack,quack". Reading became fun and Thema and Emerson were known by my family as "Quack and Mac". You were much loved and will be sorely missed Quack.

Mary Helen

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**Mary Helen Hamerson** - October 20, 2017 at 11:45 AM