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Rose Kirkpatrick

Rose Kirkpatrick passed away Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at her home in Longview, Texas. Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. at Trinity Episcopal Church of Longview with Reverend Kevin Wittmayer and The Very Reverend Dr. Michael Carter Macey officiating. Visitation will follow in Parish Hall. A private burial will be held on a later date at the family's ranch.

Rose Shipton Pickens Kirkpatrick was born on August 22, 1929 in Little Rock Arkansas to Eudora Rose Shipton Pickens and Paul Jackson Pickens. A fourth generation Arkansan, she was raised in Little Rock, graduated from Little Rock High School and furthered her education at Ogontz Junior College now a part of Pennsylvania State University in Philadelphia. She married Kenneth L. Kirkpatrick of Fort Smith, Arkansas on September 6, 1952 in Little Rock and they moved to Longview in 1963 after becoming owners of R&K Distributors Inc., a distributor of Anheuser-Busch products in the East Texas area.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth, her mother, Eudora, her father, Jack, and her stepmother, Charlotte Stuart Pickens.

She is survived by her daughters, Gail Elizabeth Pickens Kirkpatrick Martin and husband John Carmichael Martin III, Rose Kimberly Kirkpatrick, Victoria Shipton Kirkpatrick and husband Bruce Bridges all of Longview; her grandchildren Victoria Kimberly Martin Bonnen and husband Dennis Bonnen of Angleton, Texas, Jaclyn Gail Pickens Martin Abernathy and husband Clay Abernathy, John Kenneth Martin, Alexandra Rose Cox, and Ryan Kirkpatrick Cox all of Longview and Julia Shipton Cook of San Francisco, California; and her great grandchildren David Jackson Carmichael Bonnen and Gregory James Bonnen of Angleton and Jack Madison Abernathy of Longview. Her sister-in-law Gail Kirkpatrick Tompkins of Little Rock, Arkansas, and brother-in-law Frederick Calhoun Kirkpatrick, Jr. of Forth Smith, Arkansas also survive her.



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Rose's life centered on service to her community. Her mother was an active member of the Junior League of Little Rock and a role model to her daughter. At the age of 12, you could find Rose rolling balls of yarn that would eventually be knitted into bags for the American soldiers during WW II. She was an active member of the Junior Leagues of Little Rock, Lubbock, and Dallas, and the Service League of Longview, which later became the Junior League. Rose was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Rose devoted countless hours to the betterment of all aspects of the community including wellness, education, art and culture, and care for the less fortunate. Her generosity and support is evident throughout the community as she was a loyal supporter of Good Shepherd Medical Center, Trinity Episcopal Church, Trinity School of Texas, Gregg County Historical Museum, Longview Museum of Fine Arts, Humane Society of Gregg County, Longview Community Theatre, and Crisman School.

For her tireless efforts, she received several accolades including the East Texas Heritage Award, Honoree of the Year by the American Heart Association, and Honorary Chairman of the Cattle Baron's Ball of the American Cancer Society.

Speaking to her motivation for being an active volunteer, Rose once said, "the personal joy of community service comes from the knowledge that giving back to one's city will in some way provide an investment for the future for family and friends and will extend to the next generation and beyond."

In the spirit of that statement, the family asks that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to Trinity School of Texas, 215 Teague Street, Longview, Texas, 75601, Trinity Episcopal Church, 906 Padon Street, Longview, Texas 75601, or Texas Home Healthcare Hospice, 3220 N. 4th Street, Longview, Texas 75605.

The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to all of Rose's faithful friends, extended family and her loving and tireless caregivers who loved our Mother, prayed for her and cared for her when she could not care for herself. May God bless each and every one of you.



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Anonymous posted:

Gail,I read about your mom in the paper and wanted to express our sympathy to you and the girls.Your mom was one special lady!##imported-begin##Paul and Dee Strickland##imported-end##

January 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry to learn about the death of Rose Pickens Kirkpatrick. This must have been a difficult time for all. Therefore, I am forwarding scripture to bring solace. Psalm 90:10 says that the usual human life span is 70 or 80 years. This was true when Moses wrote it but not so from the beginning. compare Genesis 5:3-32 Hebrews 9:27 says...It is reserved for men to die once for all time. This, too, was true when it was written but not the case before God passed judgment on sinful Adam.##imported-begin##J Nunnally##imported-end##

January 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Heartfelt sympathy to the family. Mrs. Kirkpatrick was a lovely, gracious, generous woman.##imported-begin##Trish Brown Joyner##imported-end##

January 20 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My husband has so many fond memories of the kindness and generosity of Rose. She will never be forgotten by our family.##imported-begin##Ronda Sachnowitz##imported-end##

January 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Gail, Kim, and Tori, I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was truly a great lady and a inspiration for many. She will be sorely missed. The heavens above are surely brighter with her smile. I am out of town today but my heart will be with your family. God Bless!##imported-begin##Mike Grisham##imported-end##

January 19 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Gail Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. John and Patricia

January 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Please except my sympathy on the passing away of Rose. She was one of the most generous and fun people that I have meet. I have great memoroes of being in London on my 40th birthday and Rose treating me to dinner at the St. James Club. This kind act was just many expressions of her kindness! Best wishes JJV

January 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Gail, Kim, and Toril am very sorry for your lost. Rose was a wonderful person. I worked for her for a short time, but I grew to love her as she was my own family. My thoughts and prayers are with your family as you go threw this tough time. Glenda Stringfellow

January 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Corey Howell

January 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Alan and I share so many wonderful memories of Rose and your families. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. I am recovering from a serious car accident. When I am better and the time is right, I will bring Mom's gumbo. We love you. Susan and Alan Akana

January 19 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

We all lost a good friend. May God bliss Rose and her family##imported-begin##Neal and Peggy Garland##imported-end##

January 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Family of Rose KirkpatrickMy prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time.June Hollidayformer owner -Art World##imported-begin##June Holliday##imported-end##

January 18 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Gail, Kim, and Tori,I was so saddened tonight when Connor called me with news of the passing of Rose. She was always such an inspiration to me, such an archetype of Southern womanhood. I have so many memories of her and Kenneth, and I cherish each of them. Being so far away, I love the memories of East Texas.....and you are all a part of that. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with the Kirkpatrick family.Much love and warmest alohas,Ceci Connor##imported-begin##Ceci Connor##imported-end##

January 18 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Gail Kim and Tori,Our thoughtes and prayers are with you all.Connie and I will miss Rose very much. The Kirkpartick family has been like family to us and we love all of you.MAY GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY.##imported-begin##Gonzalo & Connie Hernandez##imported-end##

January 18 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Gail, Kim, and Tori,I am going to miss Aunt Rose very much. She has been in my mind and heart these last few years. Remember that a part of her is in each of you and will always be with you.Love,Stephen##imported-begin##Stephen Meyer##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

MAY YOUR HEARTS FIND COMFORT IN KNOWING THAT "Absent from the body is to be present with the LORD" YOU'RE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY! TYRONE, BARBARA EVANS AND FAMILY ##imported-begin## Barbara Evans ##imported-end##

January 18 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. ##imported-begin## Karla Hammons ##imported-end##

January 18 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Mrs. Kirkpatrick had such a wonderful, giving spirit and her kindness after my accident will stay with me forever. I have few memories from my recovery but I remember all of her wonderful soups and well wishes. She will truly be missed and was the epitome of a lady! ##imported-begin## Cameron ##imported-end##

January 18 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Gail, Tory, Kim and your families, I am very sorry for the loss of your wonderful Mother. I know that all of you were very close to her and she will be missed dearly. You also have many fond memories that will always stay with you. ##imported-begin## Susie Gregg ##imported-end##

January 18 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Tori, Gail, Kim, and Julia, We are truly sorry for your loss and the sadness you must be feeling at this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Your mother was such an icon to the Longview community and she will be sorely missed by all. It was a great privilege to have known her and to have been a guest in her home on several occasions. She will be remembered fondly. With deepest condolences, Kim & Larry Alston, Anna, & Melissa ##imported-begin## Larry & Kim Alston ##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I AM VERY SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR MOTHER. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.JIM BLAKELEY###imported-begin###J.M.JIM BLAKELEY###imported-end##

January 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

###imported-begin###Ed F. Smith###imported-end##

January 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

ROSE WAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ROSE I EVER KNEW KIRSTEN###imported-begin###kirsten felker phillips###imported-end##

January 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

As a person who know's Gail, I want to pass along my heartfelt codolences to her and the Kirkpatrick Family. "A loss is never easy, But in time with faith and family togetherness all wounds heal or, are just a little less painful.###imported-begin###Royce E. Jones###imported-end##

January 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Gail, Tori, Kim, and Familyl was so sorry to hear about Rose. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. I know that she will be missed by many.Sherry###imported-begin###Sherry Estes###imported-end##

January 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Gail, Kim, & Tori,Rose was a real lady. We shall all miss her. I enjoyed what little time we had together.Celebrate her life everyday.Yours,Bob Cargill###imported-begin###Robert Cargill###imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Gail, Kim, and ToriMy thoughts and prayers are with you and your families, during this time. I really loved your mother and father very much. They were always so nice to me. They put me to work, and put up with me. I am truly sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Mark Deteau##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will always remember working with Rose and her staff on the Crisman garage sale. Those were some fun times. I know she is at peace and my prayers go out to her family.##imported-begin##Dean Palmer##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Gail, Kim, Tori & Family, I am so sad at the loss of Rose. You guys are like family to me and I know Rose will be missed by everyone. But she is with Kenneth now and I'm sure they are so happy to be together again. You all are in my prayers and my heart. Much love, Yvette Little McLeod##imported-begin##Yvette Little McLeod##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

When I was a child in middle school, I had 50 tickets to sell to our band concert. The first house I went to was the Kirkpatrick home. I rang the doorbell. Rose answered the door. I gave her my sad little sales pitch, she laughed and asked me how many tickets I had to sell. She told me to wait just a minute to get some money. She came back with a \$100 bill and said she wanted all fifty tickets! I was so shocked I could not speak. From that point on she was a hero to me. It is very sad the youth of Longview will never know what a loss the city has suffered with the death of such a great lady. She will be missed by people who never even knew her.##imported-begin##Joel Tutt##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Giglio Distributing##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Gail, Tori and Kim,Just a note to let you and yoru family know that you are all in our pryaers. Your mom was such a dear friend to my family. We treasure the many memories that wehave of her. Her generosity through the years has left a lasting impression on so many.We are thinking of all of you.##imported-begin##Brenda and Michael Liverman##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Gail, Tori, Kim, and families,Our sincerest thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this trying time.With love, Dot Maxwell Mike & Lynda Maxwell Kelly Maxwell R. Blake Cammack Brittney Cammack Brandon Maxwell Kady Maxwell Dylan Maxwell##imported-begin##The Maxwell Family##imported-end##

January 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Gail, Tori, Kim, and families,Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Rose was a wonderful person and will be missed by many.Sincerely,Sherry and Richard Molpus##imported-begin##Sherry and Richard Molpus##imported-end##

January 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to the Kirkpatrick family. Rose was a wonderful woman, I truly and sorry for your loss. Much Love##imported-begin##Connor Tucker##imported-end##

January 14 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rose by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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