



Lela Wilson

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A service of remembrance for Lela Wilson, 103, of Longview will be held on Friday, June 5, 2009 at 10 AM in the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home with Reverend David Farmer officiating. Burial will follow in Gum Springs Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. Mrs. Wilson passed away Tuesday morning at her home in Longview. The family will receive friends from 9-10 AM Friday morning, prior to the service.

Mrs. Wilson was born on August 30, 1905 in Longview, Texas to John and Nancy Wilson. She was the youngest of four children. She was a lifelong resident of the Gum Springs community in Harrison County. She and her husband, Archie L. Wilson, owned and operated Wilson Grocery in Harlingen, Texas and Ideal Cleaners on East Cotton Street in Longview for 35 years. Mrs. Wilson served as the Treasurer of the Gum Springs Cemetery Association for 42 years and served as the Treasurer of the Pearl Chapel Study Club. Her other great love was to travel; having visited some 15 European countries and most if the United States.

Lela had exuberance for life and was an incredibly special person to so many. Her elegance and charm made her a unique individual. For those of us that knew and loved Lela, we were amazed at her fortitude and happy spirit.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers and one sister.

Those left to cherish her memory are her Niece, Diane Malone and her husband Dan; great nephews and their spouses, Mike and Deanna Ford, and Tommy and Priscilla Eaker; great-great nephews, Ben Ford and Andrew and Ryan Eaker; great-great niece, Megan Ford; also by a number of cousins and a host of good friends. The family request that memorial donations be made to the Gum Springs Cemetery Association, PO BOX 4003, Longview, Texas 75606.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at www.raderfh.com



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Anonymous posted:

Thank you Aunt Lela for all of the wonderful years that you blessed us with your presence here. I have many happy memories of spending Christmas with you, Uncle Archie, and Nanny. I will also cherish the times we shared when I would come stay with you during summer vacation. I took advantage of all the tractor rides that Uncle Archie gave me on his tractor. I wonder how many miles we put on it? I'm glad you are not suffering anymore but I do miss you. I will smile everytime I watch the Cowboys play and know that you are watching them with me. I love you.

Mike##imported-begin##Mike Ford##imported-end##

June 6 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We will miss Aunt Lela very much. She has been like family to us for years. A very strong, sweet, caring person. I will miss all the phone calls and visits with her. Our prayers go to all the family.

Love you,Deedle and Betty Hickey##imported-begin##Betty Hickey##imported-end##

June 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I would like to acknowledge Lela's caregivers who took care of her around the clock and also Edith Wilson, Dorothy Wilson Hogeland, and Lisa Bailey Lindsay for taking good care of her and keeping her company. She had a good and long life.##imported-begin##Gina Bailey

Plath##imported-end##

June 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Her laughter, alone, has filled the heavens ... she was a character ... Mrs. Della, too ... two very fine ladies ... God bless you all at this time.##imported-begin##Tillman & Holly Latham##imported-end##

June 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

How wonderful to have lived for so many years. My prayers are with you at this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##DIANE G##imported-end##

June 3 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

We are sorry for your loss. Lela was a sweet lady who will be missed by many.##imported-begin##The McCrary Family##imported-end##

June 3 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Lela was a very special person and we will miss our "annual" trips to East Texas to visit...Lela and my mother took many trips together and "as the little boys says," I have the pictures to prove it. Those two were "cut-ups" and knew how to have fun.We'll miss you sweet lady...Mary Evelyn##imported-begin##Mary Evelyn Redmon Salsman##imported-end##

June 3 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Your zest for life in traveling the world; cheering on your "Cowboys"; good cooking and going "to the boat" always hoping for that Big One to hit will forever be part of my wonderful memories of you and our many trips to Longview. Few in this world will touch lives the way you have. You will be in my heart always.LoveGail##imported-begin##Gail Hardy##imported-end##

June 3 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will remember you in my heart always.LoveYour great-great nephewBen##imported-begin##Benjamin Ford##imported-end##

June 3 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Lela Your home now with all of your family and friends. Lela thank you for all for helping me on discovering my family and roots in longview. Lela go with God in heaven. and watch all of your family that in on earth.Karen carter evans##imported-begin##karen carter evans##imported-end##

June 2 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##Delmer and Patsy Plier##imported-end##

June 2 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs.Wilson was truly one of a kind. She love her Cowboys with a passion I remember watching her watch them . She was a beautiful woman whom our family loved. We lost contact with her after mother died but she was always on our mind and in our heart. Know that we are praying for of all of you at this time .##imported-begin##Betty Curry Craig and Family##imported-end##

June 2 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We were blessed to have you in our lives. Christmas will not be the same without you. There is a new smile in heaven and we know that it's shared by you and Archie.##imported-begin##Tommy Eaker##imported-end##

June 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Thank you so much Aunt Lela for sharing your life with us. Your smile, charm, graciousness, beautiful heart and happy spirit we will remember always. I know that if you were here right now, you would say, "The Little Boys Says-It's time for me to be FREE." We love you, Aunt Lela. Love, Mike, Deanna, Ben & Megan Ford##imported-begin##Deanna Ford##imported-end##

June 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Aunt Lela, We will always see you smiling face and your warm heart and that will never be forgotten. You shared your happy times with us and gave us the joy of your spirit which we will always carry with us. Heaven will be blessed with your presence.##imported-begin##Rod & Lucy Case##imported-end##

June 1 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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