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A celebration of the life of Dorothy Craddock, 89, of Longview will be 2 p.m. Friday, April 16, 2010, at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Jonathan Jehorek officiating.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at Rader Funeral Home, Longview. A private committal service in Memory Park Cemetery will precede the memorial service under direction of Rader.

Mrs. Craddock died Tuesday, April 13, following a courageous fight with cancer. She was a member of a pioneer family that came to East Texas in 1833.

Dorothy Jane Latimer was born Nov. 29, 1920, in the Red River County community of Madras and grew up in Clarksville. The daughter of William H. and Abbie Whiteman Latimer, she was a 1937 graduate of Clarksville High School. She went to work for the Lone Star Gas Co. office in Clarksville and graduated from Tyler Commercial College.

She married Van Dorn Craddock Sr. of Bogata on Feb. 24, 1943. During his World War II service in the U.S. Army Air Corps, she worked as a clerk typist, giving civil service exams at Big Spring Army Air Field. The Craddocks moved to Gladewater in 1946 and to Longview in 1954.

Mrs. Craddock was a longtime, active member of Longview's First Presbyterian Church and a volunteer for the Gregg County Historical Museum, where she was honored as "Volunteer of the Year" in 1997-98. She also enjoyed the friendships made through several bridge clubs over the years.

Mrs. Craddock loved her Lord and Savior. Her quick wit and sense of humor will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by husband, Van Sr.; infant daughter, Elizabeth Ann; and sister, Dixie Taylor.

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law, Van Jr. and Bettye Craddock of



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Longview; grandson, Chris Craddock of Longview; granddaughter and husband, Cathy and Matt Tenner of Allen; great-granddaughter, Abby Mae Tenner of Allen; nephew Col. Bill Taylor and wife Patricia of Fort Worth; niece Dr. Sue Taylor of Commerce; and great-nephew Lt. Will Taylor, serving in the U.S. Army in Iraq. The family thanks Dr. Sreeman Jampana and the staffs of Highland Pines Nursing Center, Longview Cancer Center and Good Shepherd Medical Center for their care during Mrs. Craddock's illness. Thank you, too, to our church families and friends for their prayers and love during this time.

Memorials may be made to Longview's First Presbyterian Church, 301 N. Center St., Longview TX 75601; and the Gregg County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 3342, Longview TX 75606.



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Anonymous posted:

The Craddocks were fine people. Mrs. Craddock was very kind. We can never forget her kindness nor the kindnesses and generosity of her children. Accept our sincere condolences on the loss of your beloved mother. Randy Cunningham family##imported-begin##deecunningham##imported-end##

April 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Van and Bettye, you have been the great support for your mother..She surely was very proud of you both. We do miss our parents when they are gone. Memories are wonderful..Peggy and Arliss##imported-begin##Arliss& Peggy Mallory##imported-end##

April 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I was so sorry to read about your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Amy Hill##imported-end##

April 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Van, Richard & I send our prayers to you and your family. We did not know your mother, but she must have been a special person--like mother, like son. Love to the Craddocks.##imported-begin##Margaret Wade##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We want you to know you are in our prayers. We know what a wonderful person your mother was because we have seen her life and influence exhibited in her son and in her grandchildren. May God bless you and surround you with His love and comfort. Larry and Linda Cunningham##imported-begin##Larry and Linda Cunningham##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Van,I was deeply saddened to learn of your loss. I know that we have not spoken to each other in years, but I was always proud to say that I knew you before you were famous and based the type of good person that you have always been shows how wonderful your mother was. You and Bettye have my heartfelt condolences.##imported-begin##Calvin Crocker##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

When we think of Dorothy, we see her happy smile and hear her laughter. She was one special lady!Please know that each of you are in our hearts and prayers today!##imported-begin##Mary and Charles Curry##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are thankful that Dorothy was a part of our family. We loved her kindness, good humor and gentle spirit. The family will miss her greatly but, I am sure, all are taking comfort in the knowledge that she is in the arms of the Lord and her loved ones.##imported-begin##Robert Craddock##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Van, Bettye and family,Words could never express how my heart goes out to each of you. Your Mother was such a special person, not only to my Mother and my family, but to everyone she came in contact with. I am certain she and my mother are having a wonderful "catch-up gabfest" in heaven right now probably over a telephone if possible!. May God wrap you in His loving arms and give you comfort in the upcoming days.All our love,Mark and Ann##imported-begin##Ann Forster Jennings##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I wish I could express just how much sorrow I feel in words. Mrs. Craddock's son Van Jr. and his wife Bettye have done things for me far beyond what normal people would. I love them dearly and hope they get through their grieving without permanent scars. Love You Guys!##imported-begin##Adam Maldonado##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I wish I had known her longer, she had such a wonderful wit about her. She is happy to be with her Lord now, and we all will remember her and smile. I took her bear home, and put it with mine.##imported-begin##Vickie Townzen##imported-end##

April 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Thoughts, prayers, and love to the Craddocks. I understand.Rebecca##imported-begin##Rebecca Melton##imported-end##

April 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Van, Bettye and family,May the memmories of her life, wit, and beauty comfort your hearts. Wishing you strength and comfort, solace and peace.##imported-begin##Anita Neeley##imported-end##

April 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I am sorry that I cannot make the service.##imported-begin##Karen Ward##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May you feel God's peace and comfort. Our love, James and Vicki##imported-begin##Vicki Cox##imported-end##

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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