



# Vera Belle Warren

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**F**uneral services will be held for Vera Belle Warren, 93, of Longview will be held on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 11:00 am at the First Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Schutz officiating, Rev. Rick Hume delivering the eulogy, and Dr. Wesley Welborn providing the graveside service. Arrangements are under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview.

Interment will follow at Rosewood Park.

Vera Belle died peacefully on March 15, 2011 at Buckner Westminster Place, where she was a resident for the past 12 years.

She was born in Hutchins, Texas on June 12, 1917. She graduated from SMU with a bachelor's degree in speech and theatre and received a master's in library science from the University of Denver. Vera Belle served as a teacher and head librarian at Longview High, starting full-time in 1961, retiring in 1983. She was married to Ollie W. Warren for 53 years, before he passed away in 1996. During WWII, Vera Belle worked at the Harmon Army Hospital in Longview, while awaiting her husband's return from being a prisoner of war.

Vera Belle was active member of the First Methodist, where she organized the church's library and was involved in charitable works sponsored by the church. She and Ollie were founding members of the Clyde Hall Sunday School Class, which was started for young couples right after the war. Vera Belle was an avid bridge player and a member of a couple's bridge club that lasted more than 40 years.

Memorials may be sent in Vera Belle's honor to Life Care Hospice of Longview, the First Methodist Church Library Fund, or the Resurrection United Methodist Church Community Garden in San Antonio, TX.



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She was preceded in death by her father, Dr. Frank Richardson, and mother, Vera Fulton Richardson; her sister Mary Margaret Storms.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Drs. Jane and David Hager of Norfolk, VA; the Rev. Randall and Mrs. Diane Warren of San Antonio, TX; four grandchildren, Michael Warren Meeks of Norfolk, VA, Mark Warren of Austin, TX, and Laura LeMair of Clute, TX; three great grandchildren, Ethan, Madison, and Lucy; a brother and sister-in-law, Rev. Frank and Mrs. Fran Richardson, Jr. of Longview, TX; a sister, Mrs. Eloise Franklin of Brownfield, TX; a brother-in-law, Grady Warren of Lubbock, TX; a sister-in-law, Jerry Warren in Plains, TX; a sister-in-law Ruth Thurmond of Ft. Worth, TX; and step-grandchildren Nick and Christina Verziyl of San Antonio, TX, David and Michele Hager, Jr. of Broomfield, CO; and Michele and Jae Clark of Virginia Beach, VA; step-great grandchildren Tyler and Ryan Hager and Aiden and Ean Clark; and a lifelong friend, Mrs. Tommie Reed.

Mrs. Warren is also survived by more than 25 nieces and nephews; and countless friends in Longview at the First Methodist Church of Longview, and Buckner Westminster Place.

The family would especially thank the staff of Buckner, Joyce Bishop, and Aleshia Fatherree of Life Care Hospice of Longview for the loving care they provided their mother.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at [www.raderfh.com](http://www.raderfh.com).



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

To Mrs. Warren's family, I was one on her student assistants while I was in LHS Sr. '73. She was a wonderful lady to work for. I had many discussions with her that helped me decide to earn a BS in Library Science at TWU. I don't know if she ever knew how much she helped me back then. She was always kind and had time for everyone. My deepest sympathies at this time. She will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Maggie Lovick Johnson##imported-end##

March 19 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My deepest sympathy goes out to each member of Mrs. Warren's family. I have many fond memories of Mrs. Warren from both Longview High School and church activities. She was truly a special woman. May God wrap His loving arms around each of you and give you comfort and peace in the coming days.##imported-begin##Ann Forster Jennings##imported-end##

March 17 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

How much I loved both Aunt Vera Belle and Uncle Ollie. God bless their sweet souls. I have many wonderful memories of visiting them with my parents, James and Ruth Thurman. Love to Jane and Randy and their families.##imported-begin##Leslie Thurman Alexander##imported-end##

March 17 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I have so many wonderful memories of you, Aunt Vera Belle. You were always so kind and loving to me and my family. I treasure the times that we had whether it was visiting you and Uncle Ollie in Longview or seeing you at the lake place at Bob Sandlin Lake. You will be deeply missed. All my love and prayers to Jane, David, Randy and their families. Pattie Cox##imported-begin##Pattie Cox##imported-end##

March 17 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Aunt Vera Belle will be truly missed by all of us she leaves behind. There are so many fond memories of growing up and the times our families spent together. I especially remember the family reunions spent at lake LBJ. The parents playing bridge and we teenagers going out at night and not always successfully trying to stay out of trouble. Also all the times we spent together at the house at Lake O the Pines over 4th of July. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and you family.##imported-begin##Ed Thurman##imported-end##

March 17 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Such great memories of Uncle Ollie and Aunt Vera Belle. The "East Texas Relatives" were always fun to be around and so very interesting to talk to and learn from. VB and I shared of love of the "Hilltop", and when I first got a job working for the SMU Athletic Department, she was one of the very first to call me with congratulations!! I suspect there is a peaceful, beautiful fishing hole that both Ollie and VB are gazing at....resting in the Lord's care!Love to all of you,Russell##imported-begin##Russell James Warren##imported-end##

March 16 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Unfortunately, I was never in one of Vera Belle's classes in school. I met her after she and my mother became friends while both were living at Buckner Westminster Place. Vera Belle was a bright, delightful lady; I know she will be missed!##imported-begin##Jim Pearce##imported-end##

March 16 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I had the privilege of being in Mrs. Warren's 10th grade English class before she transferred to the Library. Mrs. Warren was one of the most memorable of my teachers; she had a way of bringing out the best in her students. I was also a personal friend, as her son was my best buddy while growing up, from 1st grade on. Mrs. Warren will live in my memory as one of those bright lights we sometimes have the good luck to call a friend.##imported-begin##David Lamb##imported-end##

March 16 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

RANDY, I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I REMEMBER YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER WELL. I  
REGRET THAT WE HAVE NOT COMMUNICATED OVER THE YEARS. BE STRONG. RAY  
BATCHELOR##imported-begin##RAY BATCHELOR##imported-end##

March 16 at 7:00 PM



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