



Connie Ray Welmaker

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Connie Ray Parham Welmaker was born July 19, 1914, in the Carroll Community near Mt.

Sylvan, Tx, in Smith County. She passed into the arms of her Savior on April 9, 2011.

A

celebration of life will be held at the Greggton United Methodist Church, Tuesday, April

12, 2011, 2 p.m, Dr. Jonathan Bynum, presiding. Visitation will be at Rader Funeral Home, Longview, 6-8 p.m., Monday, April 11, 2011.

Mrs. Welmaker was one of 13 children born to Ida Pearl Jeffus Parham and Thomas Monroe Parham. Three sisters died in infancy. She is survived by her daughters, LaJuanda Emery of Longview and Cherie Strom and husband, Eddie, of Rockwall, Tx. She was preceded in death by her husband, N. C. Welmaker, in 1998, and sisters Zelma, Lottie, Betty, and LaVerne, and brothers, Eugene, Howard, Lynn, Alton, and Henry Cass.

Mrs. Welmaker had five grandchildren, Bruce Boyd and wife, Rhonda; Bryan Boyd and wife, Karen; Mitchell Modisett, Roslyn Modisett and David Modisett. She had six great grandchildren, Brittany Modisett, Travis Modisett, Jordan Modisett, Morgan Modisett, Michael Modisett, and Alaina Claire Boyd.

A member of the Greggton United Methodist Church since 1950, Mrs. Welmaker spent many hours of service in the church that was so close to her heart. She was a member of the Sunshine Class, and had a special place with the members of the Welmaker-Joy Class, where her husband served as teacher.

In the formation of the current Greggton United Methodist Church facility on Pine Tree Road, Mrs. Welmaker and her husband worked to raise money to build the new church. Mr. Welmaker and others from the congregation petitioned the



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Methodist Conference to receive approval to purchase the 12 acres of land where the new church would be built. To help raise money for new equipment, especially for the kitchen, Mrs. Welmaker and members of the Women's Missionary Union cooked for the Greggton Lions' Club for many years.

Starting in 1960, Mrs. Welmaker turned her love for people towards working in various ladies' retail fashion stores in Longview, including Dotties, Riffs, M&S, Sugar Daddy's, and Mary's. She continued to work part time at M&S until her early 90's.

A bright smile and a sunny disposition set Mrs. Welmaker apart. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. She shared her life with many friends and family. She had a lifetime love of playing Bridge, and played with her friends at the Jalepena Tree until three weeks before her death.

For the last year of her life, she made her home with her grandson Bryan and his wife, Karen. Their home became her home and they took especially good care of her. Her family was the centerpoint of her life - sister-in-law, Mary Lee Parham Howell and her family, Van, Tx., and many nieces and nephews and their families were held dear to her heart. She loved family all her life and was never happier than being at a reunion where everyone would sit around, talking and laughing about good times. Love and prayers for family and their welfare were always first in her heart.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Greggton United Methodist Church, 1101 Pine Tree Road, Longview, TX 75604, or Longview Interfaith Hospitality Network, 717 N. Edith, Longview, TX 75601 or to a charity of choice.



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Anonymous posted:

WHAT A REUNION IN HEAVEN!! All of them are together...I loved this woman with all my heart..My favorite memory of her is when I picked her up about 6 years ago took her to my house all day...took her home and her granddaughter was worried sick...and Connie said there ya go! My love to the rest of the family but there is NO DOUBT where she is..Love yall from all of us in Georgia..its beautiful here..###imported-begin##Becky Parker###imported-end##

April 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My deepest sympathy to you. She was a real sweetheart.###imported-begin##Ruth Spyhalski GSMC greeter###imported-end##

April 12 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I was privileged to meet Connie and play bridge with her over the past few years. What a blessing to my life! I'll never forget her and her amazing zeal for life...and for bridge. May God fill your hearts with wonderful, happy memories!###imported-begin##Carol Kinsey###imported-end##

April 11 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Connie was a great inspiration to all who had the pleasure of meeting her. Her energy and zeal for life was unlike any other. She would light up a room with her smile and entertain us all with her many stories. Connie was a kind and caring person who lived life to the fullest. She will truly be missed and we are all blessed to have known and loved her.###imported-begin##Lori Carns###imported-end##

April 11 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

With deepest sympathy and respect: Lana, George and Anita Griffith and Lori Lloyd.###imported-begin##Lana Love###imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I just saw Connie a couple of weeks ago at the store. I always loved chatting with her. I will miss her a lot.##imported-begin##Gail Smith/ The Book Shelf##imported-end##

April 10 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Karen,So so sorry for you and your family's loss. I only had the opportunity to meet Ms Welmaker once, but what an impression she made! Such a sweet lady and such an inspiration. Many Prayers sent your way.##imported-begin##Traci Mize##imported-end##

April 10 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Goodbye to a dear friend of almost 50 years. God be with the family as they go through these grievous times and comfort them as they think of Connie in her reward.##imported-begin##J. R. & Mary Murray##imported-end##

April 10 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Connie has been a breath of fresh air for everyone she knew and I shall miss her for the rest of my days.##imported-begin##Sharon Lothrop##imported-end##

April 10 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss. I know there is a special place in Heaven for Mrs. Wellmaker. My favorite memories were of Vacation Bible School where I was in her class. What a wonderful person.##imported-begin##Jeane Snapp##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Mamaw was a joy and inspiration to everyone who crossed her path. Oh the stories she could tell. I loved sitting with her and just listening to her tell of things that had happened in her life. I could listen forever. She brought a smile to my face and boy did we ever laugh. I will miss Mamaw dearly but I am privileged to have had her cross my path. And soon and very soon I know that I will see her again as we slide on streets of gold. Dear family, please relish the memories! I pray for peace and comfort for you all.##imported-begin##Sherri Nolan##imported-end##

April 10 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Although we never had the opportunity to meet Mrs Welmaker, we offer our deepest condolences to the many people who loved her. We hope you find comfort in knowing that she is with the Lord now.##imported-begin##Paul & Patti Headen##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry for the loss for your family-I was privileged enough to get to be Mrs.Welmaker's nurse from careteam when she lived on Orange Court and to talk with Karen when she moved in with them.She will be missed dearly and we all loved her that got to come and meet her.I always told her I was adopting her and she would tell me that was ok with her just one more in her family.Our prayers are with you.Janet Russom LVN Careteam Home Health##imported-begin##Janet Russom##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

We have come today to celebrate the life of our dear friend Connie Welmaker. Once she spoke of how she got her husband to go to church with her..she asked him if he would go if they went to his church..that did the trick. He not only went with her but taught sunday school as well. what a blessing. She also told of a very hurtful time when a neighbor offered to rake the leaves in her yard for her saying she was always doing something nice for her. She must have timed everything well for as she worked in the yard she also took all of the Christmas presents out of Connie's car and left. Connie loved flowers and had many beautiful plants. This day she is free from hurt and pain to claim her reward as a faithful servant. God Bless you Connie! You will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Norma Marshall##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Connie was the most sweet spirited lady I knew who was always such a joy to be around. She was always happy and full of life no matter where she was. She cherished her family and went to high lengths to enjoy life especially when it came to Alaina. We feel so blessed to have been part of her family and will miss that beautiful smile and that contagious laugh! Heaven gained another angel this week and I feel confident you and Papa will watch over us and protect us! We love you!###imported-begin###Kyle and Kelli Commander###imported-end###

April 9 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My beautiful Aunt Connie. If roses grow in heaven, Lord pick a bunch for me. Place them in my aunt's arms and tell her they're from me. Tell her that I LOVE and miss her and when she turns to smile - place a kiss upon her cheek and hold for a while. Because remembering her is easy - I do it everyday. There's an ache in my heart that will never go away!###imported-begin###Valla Jeana Coleman###imported-end###

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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