



# Dezzie Walker

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**D**ezzie Dillon Walker passed away on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at the age of 98. She was born on September 17, 1915 near Leesville, Louisiana to John and Celia Dillon. The family moved to Upshur County, Texas and she attended school in Coffeenville. Later Mrs. Walker went to Longview Beauty School and became a licensed beautician.

In 1947 she married Forest Walker and they made their home at Walker's Mill in Harrison County. There she opened "Dezzie's Beauty Shop" and her customers came from all around the East Texas area. Due to her compassionate and outgoing personality, her customers soon became her close friends. In 1965 Forest and she moved to Longview on FM 2208 and there she operated her beauty shop for more than 30 years.

Mrs. Walker was always an active member of a Baptist church, and when they moved to Longview she became a member of Valley View Baptist Church. She taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and served wherever there was a need. She truly loved her church and the Lord. Although, she worked many hours in her shop, she always made sure that homes with sickness or those suffering from the loss of a family member had food. Many times she was called to a funeral home to prepare the hair or nails for the final viewing of a friend. When asked once by her granddaughter "Why?" she replied, "I know how she liked her hair and this is the least I can do for my friend." She also spent many hours at Holiday Lodge Nursing Home (Specialty Care) cutting and curling hair, doing nails and other things to bring pleasure to the residents. She was honored by Holiday Lodge as Volunteer of the Year in 1987.

Mrs. Walker's grandchildren loved to spend time with her and Papaw. There was always a goat, calf, donkey or horse to play with and feed. She always had time to make special cookies and Rice Crispy Treats for them. Her four grandchildren were



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her pride and joy.

Mrs. Walker is preceded in death by her husband of fifty-six (56) years, Forest Walker, four brothers, a sister, and a grandson, Michael Wade Kerr. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Nelda and Wade Kerr, her son and daughter-in-law, D.L. and Edith Wilson, all who reside in Longview. She is also survived by three granddaughters and their husbands. Pam and Mike Murphy (Tyler), Donna and Tony McGuire (Longview), and Michelle and Barton Bloom (Leawood, KS), ten great grandchildren, and two great-great granddaughters. She is also survived by two sister-in-laws, Nadine Landers Jackson of Walker's Mill and Marie Dillon of Longview, as well as, a brother-in-law, Lloyd Walker of Hallsville, and a number of nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Services to celebrate this great life will be held at Rader Funeral Home, Longview, Texas on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 2:00 PM. Burial will be in Noonday Cemetery in Harrison County immediately after the ceremony. Friends are welcome to join the family for a time of visitation and remembrances of Dezzie's life prior to the service at 1:00 PM at the funeral home.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Highland Pines Nursing Home and Texas Home Health Hospice for their excellent care, Valley View Baptist Church, and First Christian Church of Longview for their love and caring concern while she was a resident of Highland Pines.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a charity of choice or Valley View Baptist Church, 1602 Alpine Road, Longview, Texas 75602.



# Events

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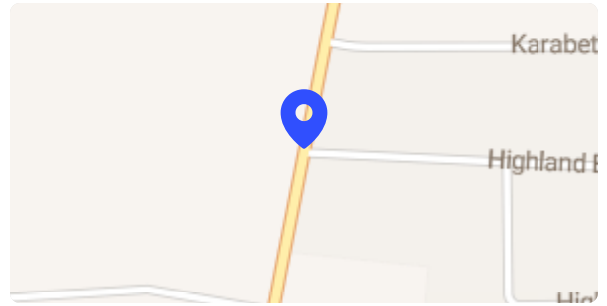
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## Cemetery Details



**Noonday Cemetery**

HWY 450 North, Hallsville TX



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## Tribute Wall

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JR

**Joe And Ginger Reed** posted:

Our family attended Valley View Baptist church when our 3 boys were small. We also kept foster children at the time. Ms. Walker was teacher for all 3 sons and for some of the foster children. I remember so fondly walking them to the door of her classroom. She always had such a loving welcoming smile on her face for each of them. They all loved her. God gave her a special way with children, and we are grateful for what she gave to them.

March 16 at 5:11 PM

HC

**Harold Covin** posted:

Nelda & D. L., Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Dezzie was one of the many persons who visited my Mother (Elma Covin) on a regular basis during her stay at Highland Piesin Longview. The family will always remember her for that special care and kindness. May our gracious God bless you and all of her family. Jo and Harold covin

March 16 at 9:08 AM

MM

**Melanie Mcknight** posted:

Don, Edith and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Terry and Melanie McKnight

March 16 at 8:32 AM

RH

**Rick And Caprice Hardey** sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Walker family.



March 15 at 2:13 PM

EO

**Earline Owens** posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to all of Dezzie's Family. It has been a pleasure of knowing her and spending time with many of her family members. God Bless!

March 15 at 2:54 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Walker family.



March 14 at 10:01 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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