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“Heavenly sunrise, what glorious morning, when our Lord takes us home. What a great celebration, one like we’ve never known.”

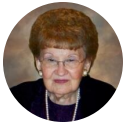
Jimmye Jo Gibson Sullivan saw the Heavenly sunrise and went to be with the Lord on April 8, 2015, at the age of 85. She suffered a stroke on February 6, 2015, and died peacefully at her home surrounded by her family who loved her dearly. Jimmye was born March 7, 1930, in Harrison County to Jesse Lee Gibson and Birdie Mae Bechtold Gibson.

Jimmye accepted Christ as a teenager at Little Flock Baptist Church in Longview, Texas, and was baptized in McKay’s Pond. She graduated from Hallsville High School in 1947 and began working at Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. She met J.S. “Slim” Sullivan at The Hollywood Cafe in downtown Longview and they married on June 25, 1949.

In 1951, they began a life of Christian ministry and served the Lord faithfully together for over 50 years. Their partnership was one of total dedication and commitment to His service and to the service of others. After the death of her husband in 2008, Jimmye continued the call to His service through their nursing home ministry. She stood steadfast with her love and unwavering faith in the Lord. Jimmye was a member of Mobberly Baptist Church and attended faithfully. She was known by others as “the pastor’s wife”, “the church secretary”, “Mrs. Jimmye”, “Mrs. Slim” and sometimes, “Jimmye Jo”. However, the ones who were most blessed had the privilege of calling her mother and grandmother. Her favorite part of everyday was spent with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. If family was involved, she was always there ... she never missed a church or school program, ballgame, party or any other activity. To her family, her home was their “Grand Central Station”, because of the strong unbreakable bond that she had instilled in their lives.

Jimmye was a truly selfless individual whose greatest joy in life came through caring for others and meeting their needs. Her character was best described by a dear friend as someone who “held no grudges, cast no judgment, and saw no faults.”

Celebrating her Heavenly homecoming are her parents; husband, Rev. J.S. “Slim” Sullivan;



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brothers, Tommie Ray and Gerald "Ted" Gibson; grandson, Allen Nix; and great-granddaughter, Rachael Mauk.

Those left to cherish her memory include daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Frank Kay; granddaughter, Lexi and husband Josh Croft with great-grandchildren, Colton and Cooper Croft; daughter and son-in-law, Freda and Mike Nix; granddaughter, April and husband Jason Moore with great-grandchildren, Mary Elizabeth and Samuel Moore; granddaughter, Amber Nix with great-grandchildren, Bailey Halsell, Marlee and Hattie Dominguez; and great-granddaughter, Grace Fleming Nix, daughter of her late grandson, Allen Nix. She will also be missed by her sister and brother-in-law, Wanda "Lucy" and Don Edgar; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Phillip "PeeWee" and Jayne Gibson and Ronnie and Pam Gibson.

The service to celebrate her life will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 10, 2015, at Mobberly Baptist Church under the direction of Rader Funeral Home in Longview, Texas, with her longtime friend, Dr. John Hatch officiating. Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 2015, at the funeral home. She will be laid to rest next to her husband at Lakeview Memorial Gardens.

The family wishes to sincerely thank the following for their care: Longview Fire Dept. medic 5, engine 7; the staff at Good Shepherd

Medical Center emergency room, Stroke and Cardiovascular Care floor, and Rehabilitation and Orthopaedic Care floor; Dr. Lawrence Roe, Dr. Rodney Sloan, Dr. Stephen Littlejohn, Dr. Brandon Tinkler and Dr. Roger Kiser; the staff at Summer Meadows Nursing Home; and Heart to Heart Hospice.

In lieu of flowers and if you so desire, donations in her memory may be made to Hiway 80 Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 3223, Longview, Texas 75606-3223.

"Thank you for giving to the Lord, I was a life that was changed. Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am so glad you gave."



# Events


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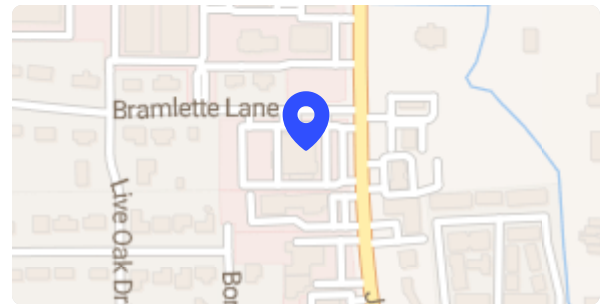
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## Visitation

 **Thursday**, April 9, 2015


 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT


 **Rader Funeral Home of Longview**  
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601

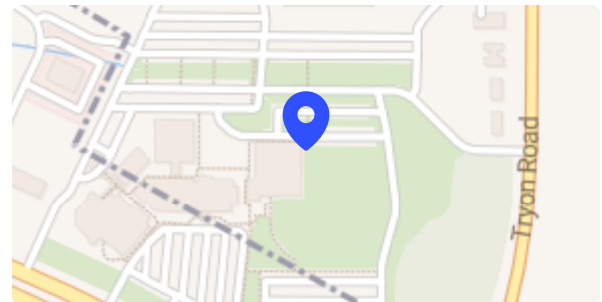


## Celebration of Life


 **Friday**, April 10, 2015

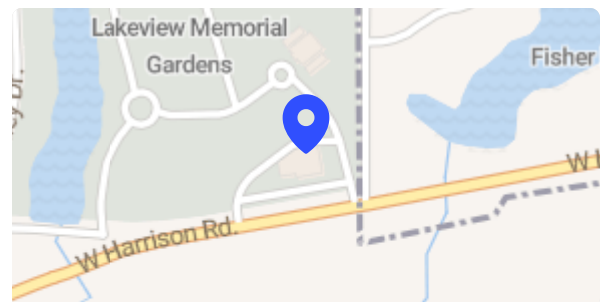
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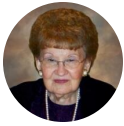
 **Mobberly Baptist Church**  
625 E Loop 281, Longview TX



## Cemetery Details

 **Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery**  
5000 W. Harrison Road, Longview TX





## Tribute Wall

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DP

**Donna Mcadoo Parker** lit a candle in honor of Jimmye.



April 11 at 8:47 AM

DP

**Donna Mcadoo Parker** posted:

Ruth, Freda, and Family, Your mother was such a precious and dear lady who always had a smile and something sweet to always say. I remember when I accepted Christ, she was just as happy as my parents were! I can still see her smiling as she wrote down information on the card. Your family has always been so special to ours. Our lives are more blessed having known them, and we have such dear memories being a part of their church where we received so much comfort, love, and encouragement. May God comfort and give you comfort during this time and the days that follow. Jack McAdoo & Donna McAdoo Parker

April 11 at 8:46 AM

CF

**Connie Faulkner** posted:

My deepest sympathy to your family. Ms Jimmye and Bro Slim were big parts of my life at Trinity Baptist Church several years ago., thru their ministry there, during the time I lost my husband, etc. His wit and her sweet smile were always present. You are in my prayers, and heaven is rejoicing at the reuniting of these two special souls. May God give you peace and comfort. Connie Faulkner TBC

April 11 at 4:43 AM

MM

**Martha Mckinley** posted:

Ruth, praying for you and all the family as I learn of you Mom's passing. I didn't know her personally but I do know she raised a wonderful daughter in you. That is a real tribute and testimony to her. Thinking of you in the coming days. To God be the Glory! Martha [Lane] McKinley

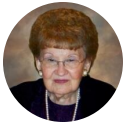
April 11 at 3:32 AM

PG

**Polly Goodman** posted:

May God give you peace and comfort during this time. Polly Goodman

April 10 at 5:36 AM



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LM

**Linda Morrow** lit a candle in honor of Jimmye.

Prayers for the family at this time from Eddie and Linda Morrow. She is united with Brother "Slim" now!

April 10 at 4:54 AM



PD

**Pat & Cliff Desain** posted:

Dear Ruth, Freda, and families, What a wonderful blessing it has been to live as neighbors to Jimmye and Slim these many, many years. They were always available to us when we needed a smile, counsel, encouragement, or down-to-earth advice given with a hearty laugh. We love your family and pray for your comfort and blessing in the days ahead. Cliff and Pat DeSain

April 9 at 5:33 AM

TG

**Tamy Bates Graham** posted:

Freda, my condolences for you and your families loss. I have not see you since High School but have great memories of your parent. I remember one time when the youth took on all the rolls of leadership for a Sunday, I was assigned to your mom. She was so sweet and gracious in teaching me what she did and why it was important. The two of them were a wonderful team. God Bless and comfort you all!

April 9 at 1:00 AM

LT

**Landra Leaton Turner** April 9 at 10:32 AM

Freda and PeeWee, am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Sullivan's passing. She was a dear lady. Thoughts -n- prayers are with you both and your families during this time.



**Stacy Dicks** April 9 at 8:01 AM

ruth i am sorry loss of your mom. i will pray for yall. she will look down on you everyday. she is in a better place, not sick any more.

RC

**Rebecca Gardner Chambers** April 9 at 6:36 AM

My thoughts & Prayers are with the family



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

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



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