



Martha Jean Vallery King

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Martha Jean Hester Vallery King passed away on October 8, 2020 in Tyler, Texas. She was born January 20, 1929 in Simsboro, LA to Roy and Eula Hester. She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters Gloria Hester and Betty Wilson.

In 1944 she moved to Port Neches, TX where her father worked to build a refinery during WWII. There she graduated from Port Neches High School and went on to Lamar Junior College. She met Raymond Vallery while working as a bank teller and they married in 1950 and had two daughters, Jody and Jan.

“Mopsy” taught 5th grade at Port Neches Groves ISD for 13 years. She and Ray were devoted to each other, their family and their church. They taught Sunday School at Southside Baptist in Port Neches and Oakland Heights in Longview. They also lived in Bevil Oaks and Corpus Christi and were active in their church there. Mopsy loved to make bread for family and friends, work in all church organizations, spend time with her family and especially travel with Ray. Ray died in November, 1998.

In 2014, 16 years after Ray’s death, she moved to Buckner’s Independent living and met Kenneth Kent King. They married in June of 2014 and had four wonderful years together before his death in September of 2019. Mopsy then moved to the Hamptons in Tyler.

Mopsy is survived by her daughter Jody and son-in-law George Philley, daughter Jan and son-in-law Kenneth Bullion, grandchildren Amy Stanley, Julie Philley, Kate Starnes, Andrew Philley, Marlis Havard, Patrick Bullion, Martha Bullion and their spouses along with 10 great grandchildren. She is also survived by Kenneth’s sons Craig King (Jeannie King) and their children and Gary King (Sonia King).

Private services were held at Rader Funeral Home of Longview with Burial at Oak Bluff Memorial Park in Port Neches, TX. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made



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to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28201.



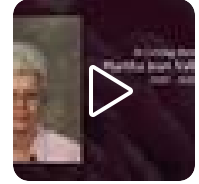
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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



October 8 at 12:26 PM



Karen Wilson posted:

Mopsy will forever hold a special place in my heart. I met her at Oakland Heights in the 80s, and through Women's Missionary Union, GAs, and church activities grew to admire and love her. She had such a sweet smile and gentle manner; in my mind was truly the Proverbs 31 woman. I cherish the memories of our one-on-one visits. As I look back on my life, she stands out as one who made a difference for me, a quiet and gentle spirit of a Godly woman. You were truly blessed to have her for a mom. Karen Wilson

October 13 at 3:00 AM



Judy And Ed Lewis posted:

Mopsy was a very special Christian lady. We were blessed by knowing Mopsy and Raymond. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Judy and Ed Lewis

October 10 at 8:36 AM



Wayne & Margaret Musslewhite posted:

One of the sweetest couples at Oakland Heights Bap Church. What a testimony they each had. At her sale of her home, I had many Punch bowls from weddings I did BUT I wanted hers to treasure!! Later she told me she had married again and I was so happy for her. God truly blesses committed Godly marriages. Prayers for all the families!!

October 10 at 4:56 AM



Betty Yearty posted:

Kit and I met Mopsy and Ray back in the '90s when we were members at Oakland Heights Baptist Church. They were such a special couple to us. Mopsy made us a loaf of her famous bread every week or two. And in the summer they would always bring us blackberries from their family's farm. We have such fond and special memories of the Vallerys. Mopsy was a beautiful, sweet, Godly woman. I know she will be missed. Prayers for her family. Betty Yearty

October 9 at 10:12 AM



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PR

Patricia Ricks posted:

Much love sent your way, Jody. Losing a mom is never easy. Prayers of comfort for all of you, dear friends. We love y'all. Patricia and Ricky Ricks

October 9 at 7:03 AM

DC

Donna Cook posted:

I met Mrs. Mopsy while attending OHBC. She was a sweet Christian lady that had a heart for serving others. She was a great cook and I have several of her recipes that she was famous for preparing. Her pound cake was out of this world! She was a faithful member of OHBC until her health declined. She always had a sweet smile. May God bring comfort to your family during this time. She was loved by many. I am so glad God let our paths cross.

October 8 at 2:37 PM

SA

Sue Spann Adams posted:

I knew Mopsy from Oakland Heights Baptist Church. She was absolutely one of the sweetest Christian ladies I ever met. My thoughts and prayers goes out to her family at this her home going time. RIP Mopsy.

October 8 at 1:02 PM

JD

Jd And Linda Dudley October 13 at 7:35 AM

Jody and the kids, we were so sorry to read about the passing of your mother and their grandmother. You can really see the resemblance in her picture of you. It is so hard and we both know what you're going through right now. We will still have our awesome memories and our prayers go out to your entire families.



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