



Bessie Joyce Payton

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Bessie Joyce Ross Payton, 96, of Longview passed away on Saturday, August 20, 2022.

She was born May 6, 1926 to Bessie Stewart Ross and William Earl Ross in Lewisburg, Mississippi. Her family soon moved to Horn Lake, Mississippi where she was lovingly raised in a large extended family. Upon graduating high school, Joyce attended Mississippi State College for Women and received a degree in Home Economics and Nutrition. Following graduation she worked as a nutritionist in New Orleans and then made her way to Texas where she was employed as a Home Economist for the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Texas. There she met her husband, Worth, who was a resident at the time. They moved to Longview in 1950, raised a family and Longview became her home for the next 72 years.

Joyce was an active member of First United Methodist Church since 1951. She was instrumental in starting the Meals on Wheels program in the community and served as the coordinator for the church for many years. She was an early supporter of Asbury House, served on the board, and through her support, was able to watch it grow into the program it is today. She was a founding member of the Thelma Morgan Sunday School class, served on the board of School for Little Children and spent many moments in Susan's Courtyard Garden, a memorial to her daughter, Susan Payton Van Burkleo. Joyce was a member of the Camellia Garden Club, Heritage Bible Club, Junior Literary Club and always enjoyed a game of bridge. Joyce was a friend to all who knew her as her door was always open.

Joyce loved her family and they were devoted to her. She was preceded in death by her husband, Worth Payton, daughter, Susan Payton Van Burkleo, sister, Charlotte Ross McGowan, and brother, Ro Ross. Left to cherish their memories of Joyce are her children Charlotte Payton-Ross, Rene Berkley and her husband Byron, Sandra Watson, Sheryl Thompson and her husband Tom, and Calvin Worth Payton, Jr. Also



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surviving are grandchildren Allison and Payton Berkley, Rachel Watson, Worth and Audrey Payton and Amy and Trevor Thompson. Surviving great grandchildren are Keegan Boos and Noah Thompson, Hudson and Beau Berkley.

A special thank you goes out to Joyce's two caregivers Kenda Davis and Rhonda Wallace with Staykare Solutions.

The family will have a private graveside service to celebrate her life.

You may pay your respects all day Wednesday at Rader Funeral Home, Longview, Texas.

Memorials may be sent to First United Methodist Church, Asbury House, or a charity of your choice.



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Cemetery Details

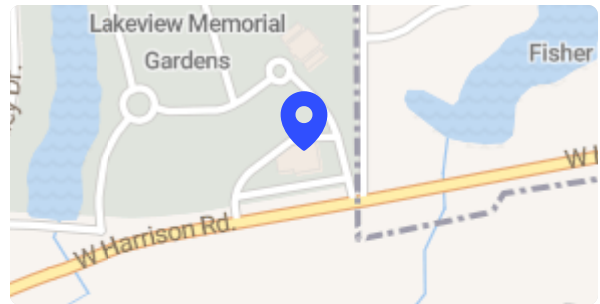


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Tribute Wall

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Sally Stephenson posted:

Joyce was a beautiful lady, inside and out. She set the bar. A ways will she be missed! Sally Stephenson

September 6 at 3:21 PM



Gans & Smith Insurance Agency sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Payton family.



August 25 at 7:57 AM



Kimlynn Williams-Taylor lit a candle in honor of Bessie.



August 24 at 5:23 PM



Patricia Clifton posted:

I am so sorry about your loss of your mother. Joyce was one of the gracious doctors wives I met when we moved to Longview. Until Covid stopped them I always enjoyed our lunches together. I know you will miss her deeply Pat Clifton

August 24 at 12:52 PM



Murlene Waits posted:

The very well written Obituary for Mrs. Payton gave me a glimpse of the blessed life she lived and the unselfish generosity of time she spent in serving others. I regret I did not have an opportunity to get to know her; however, the intelligent and talented daughters and grandchildren I was blessed to know are a positive reflection of her influence. I am sure she was very proud of her beautiful family and that you all were proud of her. May you experience peace and joy in the days ahead as you share wonderful memories of happy times together. I will continue to pray for comfort and blessings for each one. Murlene Waits

August 24 at 8:07 AM



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JL

Judy And Ed Lewis posted:

Joyce was a great neighbor and wonderful friend. We will miss seeing her riding her trike. Our deepest sympathy to her family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Judy and Ed Lewis

August 24 at 3:46 AM

RK

Ruth Kay posted:

Mrs. Payton was a very special lady. We met over 50 years ago and she became my good friend. We had many wonderful visits when she would shop in Albertsons where I worked. She was very kind hearted and always brought a smile to my face. I'm so thankful for our short visit in June before I retired. and I will always cherish our last hug. I am so sorry for the loss of this wonderful lady. I was so blessed to have known her. It was always a pleasure to assist Mrs. Payton and her family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and I appreciate your sweet friendship so much. Sending you my love, Ruth Kay (formerly of Albertsons Grocery)

August 23 at 5:25 PM

LT

Linda Thomas posted:

Love to family of Joyce. Linda and Charles Thomas

August 22 at 2:02 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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