



## Alice Merle Tatum

August 21, 1913 - July 10, 2009

Alice Merle Tatum of Longview passed away peacefully at Regional General Hospital on July 10, 2009, at the age of 95. Services are under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Merlin Mitchell Tatum and her oldest son, Pat Tatum. Those left to cherish her memory are her son, James Tatum and his wife Marie; her daughter, Linda Sue Weaver; her daughter, Judy Patak and her husband Ray; her son, Neal Tatum and his wife Lana; and her youngest son, John Tatum; 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

She worked for many years at St. Anthony Catholic Church, and enjoyed cooking, gardening, and being a caretaker to her friends and family.

Visitation will be held at Rader Funeral Home, Monday morning, July 13, 2009, from 9-10:30 AM. A graveside service will follow at 11 AM at Memory Park Cemetery with Father Bruce Lincoln officiating.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at [www.raderfh.com](http://www.raderfh.com).

# Comments

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“ I was so blessed to have a mother like Alice Merle. She was always encouraging me to do my best and to be a God-fearing Christian. She was not only my Mom but my good friend. She was always there for me whenever I needed her. She and I were very close spiritually. I was teaching English in China when she passed away. I want to thank everyone who was there at her funeral, especially my best friend, Dwayne Studdard of Gilmer Texas. He sang one of my Mom's favorite songs. She is in Heaven now. Don't worry Mom, I will see you soon...Thanks to the Lord for giving me such a wonderful Mom, All my love, John

**John G. Tatum** - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Life on this earth is short! My sweet Mom. cheated death by living to be 96 years young. She was one strong lady...many don't live this long. I was saddened to see that Phyllis Bailey Gallagher of Many Lousianamy Mom's home town passed away on November 2, of 2011...she only lived 59 years. She would have been 60 now, same as me. I want to say I really enjoyed my visits to her mother's houseBobbie Buvens Bailey who lived to be 86, I believe. As a child I really enjoyed seeing Phyllis when I went to Many with my Mom.Hope we all have a joyful reunion in Heaven. May God save all those family members that still remain on this Earth...so we can reunite in Heaven one day soon. Amen

**John Tatum** - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I have very fond memories of Merle and really enjoyed her visits to my mother's house. Hope the rest of the family is doing well. My husband and I moved back to Many last spring, and we love this little bitty town! Please ask Merle's daughter to send me an e-mail sometime. Thanks, Phyllis

**Phyllis Bailey Gallagher** - July 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM