



Clarice Byrd Tibbs

October 19, 1929 - April 9, 2020

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalms 118:24

On April 9, 2020, Mother entered the gates of Heaven to be reunited with Daddy after almost 33 years apart. What a joyous reunion that must have been!

Clarice Byrd Tibbs was born October 19, 1929 in Lake Village, Arkansas, to our Nanny and Papa, Clarence and Adele Byrd. What a grand childhood she had with lots of family and friends, in Eudora and McGehee Arkansas. It was during the Depression and WWII eras. We heard the best stories from Mother about those times.

When Mother finished high school in McGehee, Arkansas, she went to Arkansas A & M in Monticello, Arkansas and began her journey to be a teacher. It was at this time she met our Daddy, William A. (Bill) Tibbs. She said, "I knew from the minute I saw him that I was going to marry him." And that she did! They were married on August 26, 1949. They raised four children, Elizabeth Ann, Laura, Leslie and Art.

In 1956, we moved to Longview, where Mother and Daddy became members of First Presbyterian Church and later at Alpine Presbyterian Church. She was a stay at home Mom, always involved with church activities, PTA and school activities. When Art started school, Mother returned to teaching. She taught fourth grade at Valley View Elementary until she retired in 1985. She loved all of her students and the faculty too.

As our family grew, adding spouses to each of us, family gatherings were always looked forward to. And, then there were grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Oh, how she loved them!

When Daddy died in 1987, Mother continued to look after our Grandmother as she promised him she would. In the late 1990's, our Nanny came to live with her until her death in 2003.

In 1980, Mother lost her best friend, Nancy Renfrow. They met in the 50's at First Presbyterian Church. They remained friends for all those years and Mother remained especially close to Nan's oldest daughter Molly. Molly said "she loved without regard to blood, adopted or step—they were all just her family, grands and great grands. She made sure I (Molly) always felt loved after Mother wasn't here to do it. She loved with the biggest heart that ever was."

Mother and her sister, Rose Marie were especially close. They usually talked to each other

by phone every day.

Loving memories of Mother are shared by all of us, Elizabeth Ann and Frank LeBus, William A. (Art) Tibbs, Jr., Laura and Bobby Scarlett, and Leslie Tutt. Her grandchildren, Brad and Tasha Scarlett, Matt and Courtney Scarlett, Michael and Alyse Tibbs, Jon-Michael and Kim Tutt, Cameron Tutt, Will and Sarah Tutt. Great grands- Gregory LeBus, Alyssa and Emilee Tutt, Dylan, Preslie, Allie and Maverick Scarlett, Colton and Evie Claire Scarlett, and Avery Prudhomme, her sister, Rose Marie Hogue of Bryant, Arkansas. Nieces and nephews, Mike and Pam Hogue, Farris and Jelyn Hogue and Paul B. Hogue. Her special daughter friend, Molly Matthews.

Private graveside services will be April 13,2020 at Alpine Cemetery under the direction of Rader Funeral Home, Longview, Texas. Her grandson, Michael Tibbs officiating.

Thank you to the nurses and aides at Highland Pines Nursing Home and to Compass Hospice for the love and care you gave Mother for the last 3 years. You all made this final life chapter easier.

Thank you, Mother, for loving us unconditionally when we often didn't deserve it. Fly high sweet angel!

Cemetery

Alpine Cemetery

268 Sam Page Rd.

Longview, TX, 75605

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Rader Funeral Home - April 14 at 02:59 PM



“ Ms. Tibbs was such a sweet lady and truly a great friend and I will never forget her. Derrick Todd & family. AKA The waterman.

Derrick Todd - April 14 at 10:24 PM



“ Your parents were such great friends of my parents. I have wonderful memories of your Mom and Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Love to all.

Mary Stoddard Whitton

Mary Whitton - April 13 at 02:13 PM



“ The family of Mrs Tibbs (I mean Clarice) as I would address her as Mrs Tibbs, she would correct me and say call me Clarice. She will surely be missed, I know that Elizabeth Ann and Art's daily routine will change forever. I know you will miss going to see her. I will miss talking to her on the phone, she had a lot of interesting things to say..

Gayla McC Carson Morrow

Gayla McC Carson Morrow - April 12 at 04:07 PM



“ Thank You, Gayla

Laura - April 14 at 12:58 PM



“ I am sorry to learn of your loss. I remember your family when you all were small children. Clarice and Bill became our friends when they came to Longview, and First Presbyterian Church. Thinking of you at this time.

Jane Bogue - April 12 at 02:06 PM



“ Art and family --- I am sorry to see that you have lost your Mother. Thankful this Easter morning that she is celebrating with our Risen Savior. Prayers for comfort and grace as you move forward without her.
Nell Raper Boren
formerly Lake Cherokee

Nell Raper Boren - April 12 at 01:16 PM



“ Thank you Nell. Thank you for your prayers.

Art Tibbs

Art Tibbs - April 13 at 11:16 AM



“ Clarice and Bill were among the first to warmly welcome us to Alpine Presbyterian Church when we visited in 1980. Shortly thereafter, we became members and enjoyed all the friendship they continued to show our family over the years. I was fortunate to recently serve Communion to Clarice with Rev. Gordon Blackman. We had a memorable visit with her sharing stories of our church life. She will be missed greatly by us and her entire church family.

Angie and Lynn Patton

Dr. Angie Bettcher-Patton - April 11 at 08:01 PM



“ Thank you Angie for that sweet memory.

Elizabeth LeBus

Elizabeth LeBus - April 12 at 09:45 AM



“ Elizabeth Lebus will surely miss her Mom. I am JoeAnn Knight from Kilgore (from Boys and Girls Bingo) I have memories of you talking of your Mom. So glad that you have great memories to cherish. Hope one day to see you when we get 'normal'. Tell Frank to be "nice". You know I am kidding. Love you. JoeAnn

JoeAnn Knight - April 12 at 05:36 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Clarice Byrd Tibbs.



April 10 at 08:47 PM



“ I had the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Tibbs through highland pines, as I ran the beauty shop there. I looked forward to weekly chats and stories. She became more than just my client as weeks passed, she was like a grandmother to me. She loved with no limits. I'll definitely miss the bright light she brought to my life and love she poured into my heart! Fly high sweet angel!

jessika szymarek - April 10 at 07:23 PM



“ Thank you Jessika.

Elizabeth LeBus

Elizabeth LeBus - April 10 at 08:36 PM



“ I only new Clarice for only two years when I would go and help serve communion. She was always very sweet and would always talk of her family. So sorry for your loss.

John McGrede - April 11 at 07:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clarice Byrd Tibbs.



April 10 at 02:08 PM



“ For all my cousins in Longview, I am so sorry we have lost your mom, my Aunt Clarice. She was pretty special. Going to Longview was a big trip for us years ago (especially when it was mostly two-lane after Texarkana), and seeing all of you and Uncle Bill and Aunt Clarice. For me, you guys were Texas.

She put up with me plenty of times, and I even got to spend a week there one summer. We played dominoes or cards every day, and she did her best to entertain

her nerdy nephew. We had a lot of close times during your visits to Arkansas, both in McGehee and Hazen. I loved it when she laughed. She did not hold back when she laughed, which I have learned is the mark of a person who is happy in life.

I know she loved Uncle Bill a lot, and he loved her. I can't believe it's been 33 years, but I know they're back together.

We're on lockdown here in Kentucky, and I don't want to break it and take the chance of picking up something in stops on the way to Arkansas and Texas. I hate that, because I'd really like to see all of you right now. We'll get together soon. Please know how much I loved her. I'm thinking of all of you.

Love always, Paul B.

Paul Hogue - April 10 at 11:41 AM



“ Thanks Paul B. She loved you too.

Elizabeth Ann

Elizabeth LeBus - April 10 at 08:38 PM



“ Thank you Paul

Laura - April 14 at 01:02 PM



“ Laura and Leslie sorry for the loss of your Mom. I enjoyed reading about her and know our prayers are with you and the family. Casey Cammack

casey cammack - April 10 at 08:20 AM



“ Thank you Casey!

leslie Tutt - April 12 at 11:43 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Our families were friends and neighbors for many years in Maxey Acres and made many very special memories. Love to you all! Janice Hunter Mitchell

Janice Mitchell - April 12 at 12:37 PM



“ Laura and Leslie, I am so sorry for your loss but love how you make it a celebration for your parents reuniting! The obituary was beautiful, sharing your love for your Mom! Sounds like she was a sweet lady and your family will have many great memories of her. Becky Murray

Becky Murray - April 13 at 05:43 PM