



Mildred Joy McDowell

August 29, 1931 - February 8, 2020

Mildred Joy McDowell was born in Ft. Worth, Texas on August 29, 1931, and went to be with the Lord on February 8, 2020 in Nacogdoches, Texas, surrounded by loving family. Mildred, also known as Millie, was one of eight children born to Leonard Horace Davis and Fannie Davis. She was preceded in death by her mother, father, husband Marvin J. McDowell (Mac), daughter Peggy Shock, brothers Alfred Davis, Leonard Davis, Daniel Davis, F.E. (Dink) Davis, Andy Davis and sisters Mary Alice Jones and Mae Dona Burns. Millie is survived by her children, Shirley James, Jannine Mullins (husband Jim), Joe L. McDowell (wife Sandra), Kathy Riley (husband A.C.), Marvin D. McDowell (wife Diane), Glen McDowell (wife Ann), and generations of grandchildren, nieces and nephews all over the country.

Millie's career jobs were varied. She managed a Dairy Queen, studied in the medical field where she got a Registered Nurse Degree and worked for several doctors as a RN, then decided to concentrate as an RN in pediatrics. She loved children and delivered many babies along the way. Once moving on from nursing, she took a position as a cashier for Eastman Kodak Chemical Company where she was awarded and recognized for outstanding service after 25 years before retiring.

Millie was a member of Longview Missionary Baptist Church in Longview, Texas, before moving to Lufkin in 2018.

She found joy in many things. Millie loved her beauty appointments and stylists. She always took pride in her appearance and was a role model to her nieces and others. Millie loved to read and enjoyed her word search puzzles. She loved to dance, and when she couldn't in later life, she was happy watching others. Old movies were her treat, but most of all, she was all about family. Millie rarely missed the annual Davis Family Reunions in Uncertain, Texas, and looked forward to seeing everyone. She had an unbelievable long term memory and always shared such wonderful detailed stories.

She loved her family and friends deeply and was so loved in return. To know Mildred Joy McDowell, simply put, was to know love.

Cemetery

Memory Park

2823 E. Marshall Ave.
Longview, TX, 75601

Events

FEB **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Chapel of Rader Funeral Home
1617 Judson Rd., Longview, TX, US

FEB **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ I always so enjoyed Mildred In the cafeteria at Eastman. Then I was a pallbearer At my first wife’s step grandmother, Gladys Jeanes, in Dekalb Texas & when we were carrying the casket out of the church who did I see? Sweet Mildred. After performing my duty I went straight to Mildred & said, why are you here. She said “I am Mary’s sister. Mary had married my then wife’s step Uncle, Floyd Jones. What a small world. God bless you, her children. She was a sweetheart!

Don Whitehead - February 13 at 10:59 PM



“ Always enjoyed visiting Mrs. Mildred at the cafeteria at Eastman. She was a sweet and kind person.

Chris Prine - February 13 at 10:12 PM



“ I like checking out with Miss Mildred at the Eastman cafe because she was always smiling! She was a sweet lady! I missed her when she retired from the cafe.
Candy Troop

Candra Troop - February 13 at 06:54 PM



“ We loved Mrs Mildred, when we rented our house next to hers, we always made sure we put good tenants in there to keep an eye on Ms Mildred and Hamburger. They have been missed since they have moved. With our deepest sympathy to the family. Ms Mildred touch a lot of hearts. The Gilley’s

liz Gilley - February 13 at 05:00 PM



“ Mildred was the kindest lady as I first met her when she started working in the Texas Eastman Cafeteria. Her presence & sweetness always appeared through her smile. May Jesus bless each & everyone of her family members because in the end of this life, theres forever life with Jesus! (ROM 10:9-13, John 3:3, 3:16, 6:44, Rev 1:5). To God be the Glory Forever
Keith & Donna Blanton
White Oak



Keith & Donna Blanton - February 12 at 08:22 PM



“ Spent 48 yrs. At TEC. Milderd was a good friend. She always greeted people with a smile and a positive attitude. A very good friend. GOD BLESS the family.

Tom Moore - February 12 at 12:58 PM



“ I love you

Laura Bumbard - February 12 at 04:53 AM



“ Mamaw, you will truly be missed! I have nothing but the fondest memories of you, you were an amazing, kind and beautiful person, inside and out!! We shall meet again. Love you bunches; -Kevin Riley-

kevin Riley - February 11 at 11:02 PM



“ Thank you for the lesson I've learned from you. You will be missed. Jennifer will be waiting.

Gary Hale - February 11 at 04:03 PM



“ Memaw Mac my childhood memories of the times I spent with you are precious. Thank you for teaching me how to be a fun and loving grandmother. See you in a wink. Deborah

Deborah James - February 11 at 01:36 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mildred Joy McDowell.



February 11 at 01:27 PM