



## Bernice Sowell

November 2, 1932 - October 10, 2011

Funeral Services for Mrs. Bernice Sowell, 78, of Beckville, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 14, 2011 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Steve Jackson officiating. Burial will follow in the Waldrop Cemetery in the Fairplay Community. Mrs. Sowell died Monday, October 10, 2011 in Carthage, Texas.

Mrs. Edna Bernice Waldrop Sowell was born November 2, 1932 in Beckville, Texas. She was the oldest of four children born to the marriage of Seborn Riley "S.R." and Edna Freeman Waldrop. Bernice graduated from Beckville High School and attended secretarial school in Tyler, Texas. She married Douglas Jewel Sowell on March 27, 1953 and they celebrated 56 years of marriage before he preceded her in death in 2009. Mrs. Sowell retired from Southwestern Bell as an electronics technician. She was a member of the Central Baptist Church in Carthage, Texas. She is also preceded in death by her parents, and brother, James Waldrop.

She is survived by her son, Steve Sowell and wife Cindi of Beckville, daughter, Deborah Reynolds and husband Russell of Garland, sisters, Dorothy Darnell and husband Glen of Beckville, Barbara Wyatt and husband Joe of Beckville, sister-in-law, Winnie Waldrop of Mesquite, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of friends. Serving as pallbearers will be Douglas Reeves, John Sowell, Bradley Waldrop, Brady Waldrop, Bryan Darnell, Cody Darnell, Keith Darnell, William Addington, and Larry Hargus. Honorary pallbearers will be Glen Darnell, Joe

Wyatt and the men of the Adult Co-Ed Sunday School Class. The family requests donations to Marion Place or Hospice of East Texas.

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **14**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel  
307 W Wellington St.  
Carthage, Tx

# Tribute Wall



“ *This was a very beautiful lady whom i chanced to meet while caring for her husband who was on hospice. She was a very caring and compassionate lady. She will be gratley missed.##imported-begin##Kim Henigan##imported-end##*

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November 07, 2011 at 02:23 PM



“ *Wonderful Bernice, each day above my sink in the kitchen is the gift you gave me in 1968 at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Marsh Lane, Dallas, Texas. We were clerks and your giving of Christ in your life by your walk with Him was such a Blessing to me as a new Christian. Your gift, on ceramic, reads "There's wisdom in taking the time to care; There's wisdom in giving, and wanting to share; There's wisdom in grace and making amends; There's wisdom in having and keeping good friends." These words mean so much to me, because you were these words. As I read your obit in the newspaper...all I could say through my tears...was Oh my Bernice, my Bernice...how I wish we had talked, or sent a card...over these years. How often, I would look at your gift and think of you!!!! as my husband Jim of 54 years and I walk with our Wonderful Lord and Savior, I know you would be thrilled as we are.##imported-begin##Dorothy Pritchett##imported-end##*

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October 14, 2011 at 11:34 AM



“ *Bless her as she embraces her homecoming and forever walk with the lord,.....##imported-begin##Micheal Davis##imported-end##*

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October 14, 2011 at 09:08 AM



“ *Debbie & Family,*

*Pryaing that the God of all comfort will comfort you during this season.*

*Jackie Lavallais##imported-begin##Jackie Lavallais##imported-end##*

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October 13, 2011 at 06:37 PM



“ *Debbie and Family,*

*You are in our prayers as you reflect upon and celebrate your mother's life. I pray you are comforted by the eternal presence of the Father's love through the Holy Spirit. Your strength and joy will be found in Him.*

*Please know you are loved and being thought of this day.*

*John & Cheryl Bernard##imported-begin##John Bernard##imported-end##*

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October 13, 2011 at 03:40 PM



“ *Debbie and Family,*

*We are praying for you. What a wonderful piece of mind you must have knowing the arms that are holding your Mom right now. May God comfort you during this time. We love you!*

*Mike and Leslie Kropp##imported-begin##Leslie Kropp##imported-end##*

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October 13, 2011 at 03:00 PM



“ *Debbie - I am so sorry for your loss! May the presence of the Lord Jesus steady you and yours as you grieve, may He pour out His Spirit upon you to comfort you, and may His peace be the anchor to your soul in the coming days and weeks ahead. This is such a bittersweet time of grieving yet rejoicing for your mom, as we know she is now with the Lord, in all His glory and majesty! Hallelujah! You are in my prayers! With love ... Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Schmidt##imported-end##*

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October 13, 2011 at 02:57 PM



“ *Dear Debbie and Family,  
Asking our Father God to hold you close to Himself during this time of Homegoing for your Mother. You have released her hands here only to know that they are now in the hands of her Lord forever. Thank you for how you loved and served her! And now you can look forward to the day you will be together again!*

*My love and prayers are with you,  
Eleanor##imported-begin##Eleanor Briley##imported-end##*

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October 13, 2011 at 01:51 PM



“ *We are praying for you and your family.*

*God Bless,*

*Becky Nanny##imported-begin##Becky Nanny##imported-end##*

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October 13, 2011 at 12:57 PM



“ Debbie,

*We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your precious mother and want you to know we love you and are praying for you and your family during this difficult time.*

*The Fores##imported-begin##Michael & Cynthia Fore family##imported-end##*

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October 13, 2011 at 12:50 PM



“ *praying for your family##imported-begin##Charlie McAllister##imported-end##*

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October 13, 2011 at 12:33 PM



“ *We are lifting you and your family up to the Lord during this time of the loss of your sweet mother. Mom's are so special and I know you are celebrating her new life with Jesus. May His grace be sufficient! We love you.*

*Jimmy and Michelle Strait##imported-begin##Michelle Strait##imported-end##*

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October 13, 2011 at 12:32 PM



“ *May God be an ever present source of strength and peace in the time.##imported-begin##Jerry Bedison##imported-end##*

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October 13, 2011 at 12:17 PM



“ *Debbie,  
Please accept my condolences and prayers for the loss of your  
beloved mother.##imported-begin##Gary Phillips##imported-end##*

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October 13, 2011 at 12:11 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Love,  
Tip & Sue##imported-begin##Sue & Tip Goodman##imported-  
end##*

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October 13, 2011 at 12:10 PM



“ *Debbie & family,  
  
Praying God's love and peace surround you during this time.  
  
Love,  
gayle##imported-begin##Gayle Willis##imported-end##*

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October 13, 2011 at 12:06 PM



“ *Debbie,  
  
Thinking of you at this time. I know it's rough. May God give you  
strength. I know He has given you peace.  
  
God Bless,  
Dian##imported-begin##Dian Williams##imported-end##*

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October 13, 2011 at 12:05 PM



“ my condolences to debbie and her family. peace and strength from HIM alone! bernice is only gone away for awhile. she wouldn't want to come back here. i'm sure she's awestruck by HIS presence right now. eternal family reunion coming soon.##imported-begin##steven smith##imported-end##

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October 13, 2011 at 12:04 PM



“ Debbie and Family,

*My heart goes out to you in the loss of your precious Mother. You are in my prayers as you walk through this path of life. How we hold dear the thoughts and memories of those we love.*

*Blessings and prayers for days to come. We love you Debbie!!*

*Gwendy Hays##imported-begin##Gwendy Hays##imported-end##*

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October 13, 2011 at 12:03 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you mourn the loss of your mom and yet celebrate her brand new eternal life in Heaven.##imported-begin##Alicia Harris##imported-end##

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October 13, 2011 at 12:02 PM



“ Praying for you and your family.##imported-begin##Kathy Darnell##imported-end##

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October 13, 2011 at 12:01 PM



“ Debbie,

*Love and prayers for you and your family at this time of deep loss of your mother.*

*Sherry Singleton##imported-begin##Sherry Singleton##imported-end##*

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October 13, 2011 at 12:00 PM



“ Debbie,

*I am sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Tracy Tuttle##imported-end##*

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October 13, 2011 at 11:58 AM



“ Dearest Debbie, Russ, Doug, Kim, R.B. and Samantha,

*Our prayers are with you in the loss of Debbie's dear Mother. She was a remarkable lady, a precious caregiver to many and a selfless example of God's love for us. Someone once used this phrase, "Jesus with skin on." She was just that to many who were suffering and hurting. Even when they no longer knew who she was, she faithfully cared for them, going above and beyond the call. Her quiet and calm spirit never waivered through many difficult times. Her strength and patience are a testimony to her walk with the Lord.*

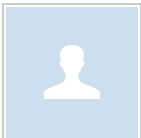
*Debbie, we see so many of her attributes in you as you serve our Lord here at First Baptist Church of Dallas for almost three decades. There is a popular country song named "Like My Mother Does" and this song reminds me of you and your relationship with your Mom. She is now in heaven with her beloved husband and many other family members. We know that our Lord said to her, "Well done My good and faithful servant!"*

*We love and are praying for you all,*

*Ross, Sherryn, Caitlyn and Andrew Cates##imported-begin##Sherryn Cates##imported-end##*

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October 12, 2011 at 12:26 PM



“ " May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion. " Psalm 20:2

*Let us thank the Lord for the time He granted us with our Parents and thank Him for that marvelous gift we found in our mothers. My prayers and thought are with you.##imported-begin##Glenda Archila##imported-end##*

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October 12, 2011 at 12:21 PM



“ *Dearest Debbie and Family:  
May you feel the Lord's presence, peace and love in this time of loss.  
My family and I are praying for you all.  
Love,  
Karen Milner and family##imported-begin##Karen Milner##imported-end##*

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October 12, 2011 at 12:15 PM



“ *Debbie:  
  
So sorry to hear of your loss. Just know our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.  
  
Eric Willaims##imported-begin##Eric Williams##imported-end##*

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October 12, 2011 at 12:15 PM



“ *Grandma,  
We have all been blessed thru your life and testamony. You will always be loved and missed. Enjoy your time with Grandad and, we will all be together again one day in Heaven.  
  
With Love,  
R.B.##imported-begin##SSG Robert Austin##imported-end##*

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October 12, 2011 at 08:10 AM



“ Debbie,

*We are so sorry for you loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Carol###imported-begin##Carol Nichols###imported-end##*

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October 11, 2011 at 07:07 PM



“ Hi Debbie & family,

*I know this is bitter-sweet for y'all (Psalm 116:15). Praying that the sweet overshadows the bitter.*

*Love you,*

*-christina###imported-begin##Christina Self###imported-end##*

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October 11, 2011 at 03:54 PM



“ Debbie,

*My prayers are with you and your family right now.*

*Love,*

*Jessica###imported-begin##Jessica Salas###imported-end##*

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October 11, 2011 at 03:11 PM



“ *Debbie:*

*We are praying for you during this difficult time. We love you!*

*Janet Russell##imported-begin##Janet Russell##imported-end##*

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October 11, 2011 at 12:22 PM