



## Ms. Billie Ruth Cassity

December 15, 1946 - May 3, 2019

Services for Ms. Billie Ruth Cassity, 72 of Carthage, Texas will be 2:00 p.m., Monday, May 6, 2019 in the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Allen Tilley officiating. Burial will follow in Long Branch Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 6 – 8:00 p.m., Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Ms. Billie Ruth Cassity was born on December 15, 1946 in Carthage, Texas and passed away May 3, 2019 in Tyler, Texas. She graduated from Carthage High School and obtained degrees from Panola Jr. College and Stephen F. Austin State University. Billie was a beloved school teacher of 35 years at Baker Koonce Elementary in Carthage. She was very much loved and will truly be missed by all. She was like a second mom to her niece and nephew and enjoyed puzzles, reading and eating the hottest peppers you could find. She is preceded in death by her parents, William Joe (Billy) Cassity, Sr. and Gladys Ruth Ford Cassity and Sandy Cassity, her dog.

Billie is survived by her brother, William Joe Cassity, Jr. and wife Joanie of Gary; beloved nephew, William Joe Cassity, III and wife Valerie Lynn of Kosse and beloved niece, Jana Slaughter and husband James of Tyler; great nieces, Molly Slaughter and Kylynn Grace Chambers; great nephews, Caiden Dowdy, Dylan Cassity and Zeke Slaughter.

Serving as pallbearers will be Keith Griffith, Tommy Brady, Bryan Murph, Chris Adams, John Worley, Bud Worley, Robbie Reid and Randy Reid. Honorary pallbearers will be her great nieces and nephews, Kylynn, Caiden, Dylan,

Zeke and Molly.

The family would like to give special thanks to the staff of UT Carthage and UT Tyler for going above and beyond in Billie's care.

Memorials may be made to The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at [Aspca.org](http://Aspca.org) or First Baptist Church, 256 S. Market Street, Carthage, Texas 75633.

# Cemetery Details

## Long Branch Cemetery

696 CR 161  
Long Branch, TX 75669

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 5.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street  
P.O. Box 188  
Carthage, TX 75633  
(903) 693-3816  
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## Service

**MAY 6.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Billie Ruth Cassity



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**Hawthorn Funeral Home** - May 05, 2019 at 03:14 PM

CS

“ Ms Cassity taught me in the late 1970's in the 5th grade during her time in Ennis at Austin Elementary School. What a sweet lady and great teacher she was. Sorry to hear of her passing in 2019. Chad Spence Ennis , Tx

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**Chad Spence** - September 07, 2023 at 05:14 PM

BS

“ Billie Ruth & I were in college @ Panola & continued our education @ Stephen F. Austin University; graduated May 1969. Billie Ruth always did her best, graduated summa cum laude from Panola & SFA. She was such a kind, caring & humble person. I know Billie Ruth had many students that she taught during her teaching career of 35 years that loved & appreciated her.  
I know her absence is greatly felt by her family & friends.

*Becky (Sample) Sparks*

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**Becky (Sample) Sparks** - December 17, 2020 at 01:25 PM

VP

“ Vicki Pinkerton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Billie Ruth Cassity



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Vicki Pinkerton - May 06, 2019 at 04:21 PM

AB

“ I had Ms. Cassity when I was in Baker-Koonce and I just loved her!!! She was always full of laughter and I enjoyed going to her class each day, as she was an inspiration to me to become a teacher as well. I now teach reading here at Baker-Koonce myself. She will always be one of my most favorite teachers, you will be missed!

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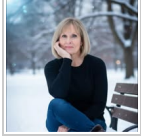
April D. Bagley - May 06, 2019 at 12:32 PM

JD

“ I remember Billie Ruth from early elementary, probably in Mrs. Dees' first-grade classroom. We sat near each other for several years, sometimes on the same row and other times across from each other. I always wanted to sit near her because she was one of the smartest kids in the room and always had the right answers. We lost contact after graduation, but years later as she was teaching in the same building where we shared so many good memories, we met and that sweet, kind, shy “Billie Ruth smile” made my day.

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Jim Dunlap - May 05, 2019 at 07:19 PM



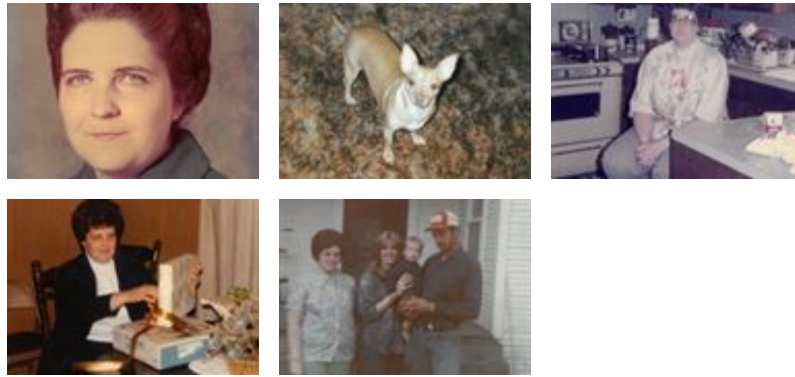
“ *Connie Denton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Billie Ruth Cassity*



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**Connie Denton** - May 05, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ *34 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Hawthorn Funeral Home** - May 05, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ *I was sad to hear of Billie Ruth’s passing. When I think of her, and I have many times through the years, I remember her kind, gentle spirit—and her sweet smile.*  
*Karen Gholston Javellana*

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**Karen Gholston Javellana** - May 05, 2019 at 10:50 AM



“ *I loved her! I was fortunate to spend time with her one summer along with Terri D and Kim D. She was my 5th grade teacher and she will forever be in my heart!,*

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**Brenda DeVore** - May 05, 2019 at 08:36 AM



“ *Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Billie Ruth Cassity.*



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May 05, 2019 at 12:09 AM



“ *Ms Cassity was my 5th grade teacher at Austin Elementary in Ennis Texas. Must have been her first years there. I loved her. She was a wonderful lady and better teacher. I followed her lead at being a teacher. I now live in Forney Texas and teach at the Gene Burton College and Career Academy. Teaching Engineering and STEM classes. I have put 34 years in at teaching sciences. She was 17 years older than me.*  
*Blessings to the family on their loss but I know we'll all see her again that big smile and laugh.*

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**Vance Barton** - May 04, 2019 at 11:21 PM