



Mrs. Billie Jean McGraw

March 22, 1932 - October 26, 2024

Our beloved mother, Billie Jean Long McGraw, went to be with her Lord and Savior on October 26, 2024 at the age of 92 years in Henderson, Texas. She was born March 22, 1932 in Long Branch, Texas to the late William Alton Long and Nannie Velma Holder Long. She attended Carthage High School, graduating with the class of 1949. On September 3, 1950, she married Syd L. McGraw, celebrating 55 years before his untimely death in 2005. Together they had three children which included Beverly Sue, who died at birth in 1951, Leland Dale in 1954 and a daughter, Deborah Gayle in 1956. Billie first worked for the El Paso ISD as a campus secretary. In 1973, she began working for the Garland ISD Administration Office as their accountant until her retirement in 1992. Billie was a faithful member of Central Baptist Church, the Order of Eastern Star both in El Paso and Carthage, the Retired Teachers Association and the Panola General Hospital Pink Ladies. Billie was a very skilled seamstress, cook and gardener. She loved raising African violets and cooking for her family, especially for her grandchildren.

Billie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her daughter, a brother, Alton Long and a sister, Mary Ellen Long Moore.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son, Leland Dale McGraw (Cindy); daughter, Deborah Gayle Pierce (Bill); grandsons, Christopher Michael McGraw and Patrick Ryan McGraw of Dallas; granddaughter, Mandi Michelle Pierce Fields (Chris) of Houston and a host of family and friends.

A graveside service will be at the Clayton Cemetery on Monday, October 28,

2024 at 2:00 p.m., with Dr. Monty Pierce officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. There will be visitation prior to the service. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Central Baptist Church Children's Fund, Clayton Cemetery Association, Heartsway Hospice or your favorite charity of choice.

Cemetery Details

Clayton Cemetery

158 CR 1521
Clayton, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 28. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

OCT 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I wanted to belatedly reach out to both Dale and Debbie. Your lovely mother passed away right before my mom did. Sadly, I arrived the next day after Aunt Billie's death and found mom very ill. As you know, the turmoil of emotions with the decisions that must be made are overwhelming. So caught up in the decline of my mom, I neglected to tell you both of my remembrances of your mom. Please know that I do remember Aunt Billie Jean as a delightful and beautiful lady. Always kind and caring. You were so blessed to have her as your mother.
Thank you both for taking the time to come to our mom's visitation and funeral. You made mom's life richer in her final days.

Cathy Staerkel - December 06, 2024 at 12:54 AM

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“ JB & Traci Bagley & Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Billie Jean McGraw.



JB & Traci Bagley & Family - October 28, 2024 at 11:41 PM



“ Kinship, friendship, and Jumbo Community ties built a longtime connection between the Keeling and McGraw families, but my personal acquaintance with Ms. Billie Jean is more recent. She was unfailingly kind and enthusiastic as we worked on various genealogy related questions. Ms. Billie Jean also expressed her enjoyment of my writing and was always ready for the next book! I will miss our telephone conversations, and I want to express my deepest sympathy to her family and friends.
Prayerfully,
Jake Keeling

Jake Keeling - October 28, 2024 at 10:53 AM



“ Mrs. McGraw was a wonderful Christian lady! She was a great example to all of us! Her pain and suffering has come to an end. You can rejoice that she is in Heaven with her Savior, family and friends.
Keith & Debra Griffith



Debra Griffith - October 28, 2024 at 07:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Billie Jean McGraw.

October 27, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Billie Jean McGraw.*



October 27, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ *Our love and condolences. HeartsWay Hospice staff*



HeartsWay Hospice - October 26, 2024 at 06:40 PM