



## Mrs. Dixie Whitaker

February 2, 1919 - April 27, 2020

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Simpson "Dixie" Whitaker, 101, of Carthage, Texas was born February 2, 1919 in Taylorville, Illinois. She passed this life April 27, 2020 peacefully at her Carthage, Texas home. She was one of three children born to the marriage of Ritchie Reman and Mary Louise Scott Simpson. Dixie was raised in Illinois graduating high school in Taylorville and attending University of Chicago and North Western University. She worked for Marshall Fields and the Chicago Farmers Magazine.

Dixie Simpson met Fred Whitaker in Chicago on a blind date; they would hold a Texas wedding that June. Together they raised four children and made a life in his home town of Carthage, Texas. Dixie's life in Texas would be as a staunch member of the Democratic Party. She was a founder and second president of the Junior Service League, supporting the Sammy Brown Library and member of the First United Methodist Church of Carthage. She was an avid bridge player, loved entertaining, working in her garden and time with family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Andy Simpson; and sister, Caroline Rogers.

Mrs. Whitaker is survived by her devoted children, Melinda Whitaker Martin of Carthage, Jennifer Whitaker Chandler of Carthage, Deborah Whitaker Key and husband John of Mansfield, and Mark Whitaker and wife Cristal of Longview; sister, Elanore Boone of Carthage; grandchildren, Brett Matthew and Christy Chandler, Brandy Chandler and Rodney Socia, David and Pattima Martin, Tracey Slocum, Jeff and Lindsey Key, Neil Whitaker; great

grandchildren, Sarah Kathryn Walker, Elizabeth Walker, Cameron Martin, Erin and Darren Slocum, Clark Neuman, Chloe Neuman, Blake, Chance and Sophie Socia; great-great grandchildren, Jayden Slocum, Abby Key, and Kylie Key.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Heartsway Hospice for their excellent care. The Whitaker family extends appreciation to her sitters including, Alvina Roberson, Emily King, Rhonda Collier, Nella Walls, Carolyn Grace, and LaShaun White for the love they've shown. Memorial services for Mrs. Dixie Whitaker, will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements were entrusted to Hawthorn Funeral Home.

An online guestbook may be signed at [www.hawthornfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

DW

“*Mrs. Dixie was the highest degree of elegance to me. Anytime I was in her home with Mark she treated me so beautifully. I am sorry to hear of the loss of this sweet lady. She truly was one of a kind and I loved her.*”

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**Dee Ann Hopkins Wilhite** - July 13, 2020 at 06:31 PM

WN

“*My apologies, but please accept my belated condolences for the loss of your mother. Dixie was, indeed, an elegant and caring lady. I do remember her being a very good and supporting friend to my mother, Stella, for many years. As I recall, they partied together as members of the Carthage Club. I also remember my wife, Thelma, and I having the privilege of staying at Dixie's B&B, "The Best Little Horse House in Texas" for a few days on a visit to Carthage after my mother passed away. Your mother will truly be missed - and lovingly remembered.*”

*Bill Naylor*

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**William H Naylor** - June 28, 2020 at 02:30 PM

DS

“*Prayers for Mrs. Dixie Whitaker's family. She was always there and supportive of many of us when we were just kids running around doing crazy things. She lived a very long and fulfilling life and will most definitely be remembered by the many she touched and influenced.*”

*David Smith*

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**David Smith** - May 01, 2020 at 07:36 PM

VL

“ To me she was always the lady with the ultimate sophistication. She was a legend in my childhood!

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**Vickie Lacy** - May 01, 2020 at 02:26 PM

SS

“ Melinda and Jennifer,

Linda and I are so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. We will be praying the Lord will comfort your family during this time.

God bless each of you.

Steve and Linda Stovall

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**Steve and Linda Stovall** - April 30, 2020 at 06:00 PM

JF

“ Marian and I are very sorry for your loss, Dixie was truly a one-of-a-kind lady and a faithful Democrat her entire life. On several occasions I remember nailing campaign signs to a tall tree in her front yard after signs posted on her fence went missing. She will be missed not only by her family but by many friends in Panola County.

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**John Foster** - April 30, 2020 at 01:09 PM

CS

“ Dixie, a very wonderful Grandmother 🌹  
We want to express our love for very caring lady and your family. Brett and Brandy you will have lots of stories to tell your grandchildren about you Grandmother. Jennifer, we had lots of joy in seeing you two on that summer visit. Please express our condolences to Mark and Melinda for us. Carole and Bernie Smith

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**Carole Smith** - April 30, 2020 at 06:15 AM

CB

“ Miss Dixie was larger than life to me as I grew up. I admired her greatly. I condolences to mark and family.

*Cyndi Bell*

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**Cynthia bell** - April 29, 2020 at 05:54 PM

JD

“ Mark, Cristal and family,  
Cherish her sweet memories. We will have  
you in our prayers.  
With love,  
Jerry Don and Pat (Edens) Dorman  
Isaiah 40:31



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**Jerry and Pat E Dorman** - April 29, 2020 at 02:58 PM

JH

“ What an elegant and gracious lady Dixie has been. She was a warm, kind hostess and encouraged those qualities in others, especially her family. May memories of her fill you with joy!

*Joyce Hughes*

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**Joyce Hughes** - April 29, 2020 at 11:55 AM

GS

“ Our sincere condolences and prayers to the entire Dixie Whitaker family. Larry and Georgia Shepherd

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**Georgia Shepherd** - April 29, 2020 at 10:57 AM

IR

“ We are sorry for your loss.  
*Ike and Chris Reeves*

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**Ike Reeves** - April 29, 2020 at 10:04 AM

PM

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Dixie. She was such a lovely and interesting lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

*Patsy Meck*

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**PATSY MECK** - April 29, 2020 at 09:02 AM

TL

“ *So sorry for your loss!*

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**Tony Lockridge** - April 29, 2020 at 08:50 AM

PR

“ *Dixie was the epitome of a “classy” lady! She was beautiful all her life! Her sense of humor made her a joy to be around! I know she’s left you all with wonderful loving memories enough to last a lifetime. My prayers are with you ....we have all lost a treasured friend... I loved her dearly*❤️

*Pat Reeves*

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**Pat Reeves** - April 29, 2020 at 01:45 AM

GA

“ *She was such a sweet lady. I always looked forward to her visits to the democratic club meetings. My condolences to the family. Gloria Adams*

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**Gloria Adams** - April 28, 2020 at 11:04 PM

JJ

“ I'm so very sorry for the loss of your mom. Prayers for you and family. And I'll ask for God's love and blessings to be with you.

*Judye Heaton Jordan*

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**judye jordan** - April 28, 2020 at 10:48 PM

DA

*My first memory of Dixie was when I was probably 8 or so. Jennifer and I were classmates and Dixie had a wonderful Halloween dinner for several of Jennifer's friends. I can still remember the excitement and fun.*

*So sorry for your loss.  
God be with you all.*

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**Donna Duckworth Anderson** - April 29, 2020 at 11:48 AM

SP

“ I loved Dixie Whitaker. My late Mother did too and often talked about how elegant Dixie was. She was what some would call a “class act”. She was reAlly intelligent, funny, had the most beautiful posture I ever saw, and all her life held herself up with grace and kindness toward others. She will be missed.

*Susan Chandler Page*

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**Susan Chandler Page** - April 28, 2020 at 10:12 PM

MP

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your beautiful Mother. What a long life she had, and what a beautiful family she left, as well as a wonderful legacy. May God bless you, dear Melinda, and all your family! My love and prayers, Madell (Scott) Price

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**Madell S Price** - April 28, 2020 at 08:40 PM

DR

“ *Melinda and Jennifer what a lovely Mother you had. Easy to see where you got your good looks. I hope you all can remember all the good times like when the cow got in the swimming pool. May God's hand of love hold you and the family at this time of loss.*

Don & Paula Ransom - April 28, 2020 at 07:38 PM

JK

*AND she made the absolute best brownies in the world when we were teenagers! It was my pleasure to play bridge with the lady in later years.*

Judi Keiss - April 28, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dixie Whitaker.*



April 28, 2020 at 07:03 PM

KH

“ *Lifting her family and friends up in prayer. A true Lady.*



Kim Henigan - April 28, 2020 at 03:14 PM

LG

“ *How blessed you have been to have her in your life this long. I know your heart hurts and this is a terrible time for closure for the family. She is at peace. Love from Lynn and Darline*

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**Lynn and Darline Graves** - April 28, 2020 at 02:54 PM

JS

*SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL AND CLASSY LADY WITH A PRETTY SMILE. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER.*

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**Jimmy and Faye Socia** - April 28, 2020 at 08:39 PM