



## Mrs. Joyce Worley

December 23, 1924 - May 11, 2014

Funeral services for Mrs. Joyce Haley Worley, 89, of Long Branch will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 15, 2014, at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Ray Brooks officiating. Burial will follow in the Boynton Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Wednesday night at the funeral home. Mrs. Worley died on Mother's Day, May 11, 2014.

Joyce Haley Worley was born December 23, 1924, at the home of her parents, Milton Pope Haley, Jr. and Gertrude McCormack Haley. She grew up in the Long Branch community surrounded by many dear friends, neighbors, and extended family members. She had particularly fond childhood memories of visits to her grandparents, John and Minnie McCormack, who lived just up the road.

She attended Long Branch schools until the end of her junior year when the high school there consolidated to Carthage, where she attended her senior year and graduated in 1941. She dreamed of going to college, but those plans were changed when her father died unexpectedly about a month after graduation. As she always said, she grew up "when a dollar was a dollar". Times were hard for the family, and Joyce had to go to work to support herself and her mother. She found employment with the Agricultural Adjustment Agency, a forerunner to the current Farm Service Agency. This office helped to support the agricultural industry that was at that time the predominant industry in the county. She worked there a little over 15 years before

becoming a full-time homemaker and mother.

During her stint at the AAA office, she caught the eye of a young man who had also grown up in Long Branch, and after a courtship, she married Winston "Doc" Worley on February 26, 1951. After their marriage, he moved into the house with Joyce and her mother, with plans to buy their own home. However, shortly thereafter, her mother died, so they remained in Joyce's childhood home where they raised their family. Mr. Worley died December 24, 1987, and she will be remembered for how she lovingly cared for him during his battle with cancer. Joyce continued to live in their home, and at the time of her death, she was still sleeping in the same room in which she was born.

Mrs. Worley was proud of her Panola County roots, which she traced back to 1858, when her great-grandfather, Daniel Leslie, and his family settled along Trammel's Trace near Murvaul Creek on the western border of Panola County. She was the unofficial historian of the Long Branch Community, and she diligently worked to record the history of its pioneer settlers in *The History of Panola County*, published in conjunction with the Bicentennial. She was a former member of the Panola County Historical Commission, and she was instrumental in the preservation and maintenance of the Leslie-Baker Cemetery, where her earliest Texas ancestors were laid to rest. She also was keenly interested in the Boynton Cemetery.

She was an active, faithful member of Long Branch Missionary Baptist Church for many, many years. Some called her the Mayor of Long Branch. It was a title that she wasn't particularly fond of because she preferred to stay in the background. If there were actually such an office, she never would have campaigned for the position. However, it was an appropriate title because she was a tireless supporter of everything good in the community.

Mrs. Worley was an expert quilter, and an excellent traditional Southern cook. She believed in butter, sugar, and bacon grease. Her family loved her tea cakes, creamed potatoes, peas, and cornbread, and she was well known throughout the county for her caramel candy.

Mrs. Worley is survived by her devoted sons, Bud Worley of Carthage, John

Worley and wife Terri of Longview; grandchildren, Kristina, Grant and Wade; great granddaughter Cambreigh; a large extended family, and a host of friends. She loved flowers, and they are very much appreciated. However, for those wishing to make memorial contributions, the family suggests memorials to the Boynton Cemetery Fund, c/o John Worley, 5111 Whitaker Circle, Longview, Texas 75605.

# Cemetery Details

## Boynton Cemetery

Longbranch, TX 75669

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street, P.O. Box 188  
Carthage, TX

## Service

MAY 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

BB

“*Bud so sorry to hear about you loss. You and your family are in my prayers. Think of the good times always and hold them close to your heart.*

*Bill Bertrand, Pennsylvania TSA*

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**Bill Bertrand** - May 19, 2014 at 02:58 PM

SM

“*John, Teri, and families,*

*So sorry about your !om's passing. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,*

*Sherry Moore-Molpus*

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**Sherry Molpus** - May 17, 2014 at 06:09 PM

LT

“*Praying for you all....*

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**Lacie Tullis** - May 17, 2014 at 11:06 AM

RH

“*I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you Bud and John.*

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**Robert Hunter** - May 16, 2014 at 08:02 AM

TC

“ So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. It is never easy to lose your mother no matter how old you might be. God draws very near to those who mourn. God bless you all. You are lifted up in prayer.  
*Theresa & Jim Carroll*

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**Theresa Jeter Carroll** - May 15, 2014 at 11:24 PM

CD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Worley family.*

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**Cheryl Doneghue** - May 15, 2014 at 08:02 PM

BB

“ *Bud, John and the Worley family. Thank God for Jesus and His love and promise to us as believers. She went home Sunday and there is rejoicing in heaven. We know we will see her again some day. She was a very special lady. Our prayers are with you all.*

*Bob and Susan Behnke*

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**Bob Behnke** - May 15, 2014 at 09:45 AM

PM

“ *Bud, I'm so very sorry to learn of your mom's passing. She was obviously an incredible lady and mother because she raised you to be such a fine gentleman. May the Lord grant peace and comfort to you and John during this time of grief.*

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**Phil Miller** - May 15, 2014 at 08:19 AM

TW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Worley family. I personally never met Mrs. Worley, but my son, John (14), spoke very highly of her. He would often stop and talk with her as he was riding around Long Branch on his bike. He would say she was one of the nicest and sweetest ladies he ever met.

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**Toby, Stacy, and John White** - May 15, 2014 at 08:17 AM

AJ

“ Bud, I was so sad to hear about your Mom's passing Sunday night. I only had a chance to meet her one time when she came to CHS to have lunch with you. Seemed like a very sweet lady. I know you will miss her dearly. Thinking about you today and all week. May God bless you and your family.

*With deepest sympathy,  
Annette Johnson*

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**Annette Johnson** - May 15, 2014 at 08:07 AM

LK

“ Mrs. Worley was such a sweet lady. She will be missed my many. My prayers are with you, Bud & John.

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**Lori Morris Kruebbe** - May 14, 2014 at 10:22 PM

SE

“ Mrs. Worley was one of the sweetest person. She will truly be missed. Bud and John you and your family are in my prayers.

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**Shannon Ebarb** - May 14, 2014 at 09:44 PM



“ Thinking of your family in the passing of your mother. keeping you in our prayers Jack & Sharon McIlwain

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**Jack Mcilwain** - May 14, 2014 at 09:38 PM

RH

“ John and T:  
I never came to your house when Maw was there that I wasn't greeted with a friendly hello and a smile. She was truly a dear, sweet woman. I know that you have the most precious memories of her to cherish during this time of loss. May God's peace be with you now and always as you continue on your journey without her. Please forgive me for not being able to attend the service. You are in my thoughts and prayers. If there is anything you need, I am right around the corner!  
Much love,  
Rhonda Hawkins

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**rhonda hawkins** - May 14, 2014 at 08:07 PM

SU

“ Bud -- Thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
Susan and Jacob Lauxman

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**susan** - May 14, 2014 at 08:06 PM

SB

“ Bud so sorry to hear about your mother. Our prayers are with you during this time.

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**Shelia Bozeman** - May 14, 2014 at 06:38 PM

BA

“ Bud & John,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this time.*

*Becky & Don Austin*

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**Becky Austin** - May 14, 2014 at 05:06 PM

CC

“ John, I'm saddened by the news of your mom and so sorry for your loss. I hope you find comfort in knowing how many friends are thinking of you and your family.

*Connie Caldwell*

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**Connie Caldwell** - May 14, 2014 at 04:10 PM

DS

“ John, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. May God comfort you and your family during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you.

*David Scholl*

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**David Scholl** - May 14, 2014 at 02:30 PM

CA

“ Bud,

*I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I hope you find peace during this difficult time.*

*Cammie Roark Richard*

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**Cammie** - May 14, 2014 at 02:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Worley.*



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May 14, 2014 at 01:22 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Worley.*



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May 14, 2014 at 01:18 PM



“ *Bud and John, So sorry to hear that you lost your beloved mother. You have my deepest sympathy and my thoughts are with you at this time. Peggy Foreman Warta*

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**Peggy Foreman Warta** - May 14, 2014 at 10:13 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Matt and Mandy Lancaster*

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**Mandy Lancaster** - May 14, 2014 at 09:54 AM

RS

“ Bud, John and family,  
Joyce knew I loved her, because I told her so, every single time our paths crossed. My, what a great time we had together in Washington, D.C. and New York, several years ago. That trip with the CHS Seniors is among my most treasured memories. She and I shared a common love for genealogy and family history and tried to keep each other up-to-date on the McAllister Williamson descendents. I am really going to miss her. May you find the comfort you seek, in your strong Christian upbringing and faith.  
Robbie Sutlive

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**Robbie Sutlive** - May 14, 2014 at 09:33 AM

DW

“ Bud, John and Family,  
I am so Sad to hear this news, we Loved her, I can still remember listening to stories, that her and Mother told of their younger years... She is A very Special Lady... My Thoughts and Prayers are with You all.. Love u guys, Darla

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**Darla Lake Watkins** - May 13, 2014 at 09:17 PM

NH

“ Dear Bud and John, So sorry about your loss. Your mother was one of the nicest ladies I have ever known. She had such a sweet and gentle soul. There can't be another like her. She was truly one in a million. You are in my prayers, Norma Hinson

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**Norma Hinson** - May 13, 2014 at 07:47 PM

RH

“ *John and Family,  
My deepest sympathy to you for the loss of your dear mother. My  
thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*  
*Regina Hadlock*

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**Regina Hadlock** - May 13, 2014 at 07:44 PM

LB

“ *Logan & Ashley Burns purchased the Ocean Bre  
eze Spray for the family of Mrs. Joyce Worley.*



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**Logan & Ashley Burns** - May 13, 2014 at 06:15 PM

JF

“ *To the Worley Family --  
Please accept our deepest sympathies on the loss of your Mother.*  
*John and Marian Foster*

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**John Foster** - May 13, 2014 at 05:05 PM

MC

“ *Bud and family,  
  
I am praying for peace and comfort for you and your family and that  
your sorrow will soon turn to happy memories.*

*Maria Craig*

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**Maria Craig** - May 13, 2014 at 04:16 PM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Worley.*



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May 13, 2014 at 03:41 PM



“ *Texas TSA purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mrs. Joyce Worley.*



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**Texas TSA** - May 13, 2014 at 02:55 PM



“ *Your Unit 5D Arlington Reps purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Joyce Worley.*



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**Your Unit 5D Arlington Reps** - May 13, 2014 at 02:53 PM



“ *John, You and your family are in my prayers. Peace and blessings to you all.*



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**Sharon Roberson-Jones** - May 13, 2014 at 02:51 PM

JP

“ Jeannette and Ed Perez purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of Mrs. Joyce Worley.



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**Jeannette and Ed Perez** - May 13, 2014 at 02:51 PM

GW

“ There are many things that come to mind when I think of Aunt Joyce. Her sweet Christian personality, love of family, twinkling blue eyes, friendly smile, and tea cakes!. I will always treasure Aunt Joyce's knowledge of family history/stories. If I saw Aunt Joyce prior to Labor Day weekend, she would remind me of the annual Worley Reunion on Labor Day Sunday. We were all blessed to have Aunt Joyce in our life. Prayers/blessings. . .

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**Gwen Worley** - May 13, 2014 at 02:25 PM

AW

“ John and Terri, I was sorry to hear of the recent lost of your loved one. I never had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Worley; but have been blessed to know John and call him Friend. May God give you and the rest of your family peace in this time of lost and sadness. Prayers are being sent from my lips to God's ears...Annette Wallace

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**Annette Wallace** - May 13, 2014 at 01:53 PM

SK

“ Scott & Robin Kennedy purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Joyce Worley.



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**Scott & Robin Kennedy** - May 13, 2014 at 01:22 PM

CL

“ *Bud, John and family,  
Our hearts are heavy with your loss. Our memories of Joyce are  
so happy and joyful. We send our love and prayers.  
The Grubenman family*

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**carla littlejohn** - May 13, 2014 at 01:01 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Mrs. Joyce Worley.*



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May 13, 2014 at 12:55 PM

TF

“ *The Grubenman family purchased the Heavenly  
Heights Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Joyce  
Worley.*



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**The Grubenman family** - May 13, 2014 at 12:55 PM

JK

“ Whenever I think of Mrs. Worley, I will recall her kind heart and her devotion to her family, her friends, and her community, Long Branch. The memories she shared during our interview provided a wealth of material for my Master’s thesis, and I wish she could have seen the final product. A conversation with Mrs. Worley never failed to brighten my day and increase my knowledge of local history. She was a wonderful Christian lady, and I treasure our all-too-brief friendship. To her beloved family: please know that you are all in my prayers.

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Jake Keeling - May 13, 2014 at 11:45 AM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Worley.



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May 13, 2014 at 11:29 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Worley.



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May 13, 2014 at 11:00 AM

MC

“ Bud/John,

*So sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. We all go way back and she was always so sweet and kind to my family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Mike, Marla, Betty, Rachel & Macy Cherry** - May 13, 2014 at 10:17 AM

AG

“ John,

*I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. May you gain strength in the faith that you have. My prayers are with you.*

*Angie Guest*

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**Angie Guest** - May 13, 2014 at 08:57 AM

TB

“ Bud and John,

*We were so sorry to hear about the loss of your dear mom. May God comfort and strengthen you during this difficult time. Praying for your family.*

*The Barlow Family,  
Wade, Toni, Zach, Taylor & Molly*

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**Toni Barlow** - May 13, 2014 at 07:38 AM

VJ

“ Bud, John and Family,  
May the Lord be with you all in this time of sorrow, and know that she was a wonderful woman of God and is with Him and all her family in heaven! Praying for strength and comfort in this time of your loss.

*The Judice's Family  
David, Venita, and Benjamin*

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**Venita Judice** - May 13, 2014 at 06:17 AM

DA

“ Bud and John, we are so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was such a caring person and a great mother. The best candy maker in the county. I know you will miss her so. Praying for God's strength in the days ahead. Bill and Donna Arnold

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**Donna Arnold** - May 12, 2014 at 08:23 PM



“ Bud,  
Our deepest condolences to you and your family on the loss of your Mom. We were so sorry to hear and pray that God comforts and cares for you and your family during this time. May God bless you and keep you.

*Collin & Jackie LaFollette*

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**Collin LaFollette** - May 12, 2014 at 03:46 PM

KB

“ Bud,  
We are so very sorry for your loss. We will surely miss seeing your mom's sweet smiling face! Our prayers are with you all.

*Love,  
Lee, Kelly, Gracie, and Chesney Baker*

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**Kelly Baker** - May 12, 2014 at 03:38 PM

BS

“ Bud,  
Very sorry to hear about the death of your mother. My prayer is for you and your family to rest in God's gracious and tender mercies.  
Ben Scheierman

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**Ben Scheierman** - May 12, 2014 at 03:27 PM

SD

“ Bud and Kristina,  
  
So sorry to hear of the the loss of your mother and grandmother. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers. Wishing you comfort in this time of grief.

Scott, Staci and Faith Ann Davis

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**Staci Davis** - May 12, 2014 at 03:12 PM

MJ

“ My sincere condolences to all of Miss Joyce's family, friends and loved ones. Such a sweet, kind and gentle woman. She will truly be missed.

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**Marilyn Jones** - May 12, 2014 at 01:49 PM

MJ

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**Marilyn Jones** - May 12, 2014 at 01:47 PM

CG

“ Bud and John, I am extremely saddened by the news of your mothers passing. She was such a sweet lady and I will always remember the kindness she showed me during a visit we had.

Curtis Green - May 12, 2014 at 01:35 PM

DW

“ Bud and John--We are so saddened by the loss of your wonderful mother. I will always think of her loving and kind ways. She and Mrs. Lucille were two of my favorite people. May God help you through your grief.

Doris and J. B. Wedgeworth

Doris Wedgeworth - May 12, 2014 at 01:25 PM

GG

“ Bud & John,  
We are all thinking of you at this sad time.  
Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.  
Such good memories of such a sweet and wonderful lady.  
The Grimes Family,  
Billie, Phillip & Glenda, and Cathy Grimes



Glenda Grimes - May 12, 2014 at 11:59 AM

DR

“ Dear Family, we truly do not have the adequate words to express our sadness for the loss of your dear sweet mother! She was always so kind and expressed herself with a big smile! Know that we will be praying for you all, not only today, but for the many days ahead! Dale and Joni Reed

Dale and Joni Reed - May 12, 2014 at 11:51 AM

PK

“ Bud & John, I can honestly say I have know your mother all of my life. Words cannot express how heavy my heart is now over you. She was one of the kindest people EVER. She was there for my family through every joy & sorrow we have gone through. Such a silent kindness. She never wanted to do anything for her glory. I know you all will miss her but her work on earth is done. You should be very proud of her. She was a true angel on earth.

Paula Kimmey - May 12, 2014 at 11:44 AM

MH

“ Bud and John, I was so sorry to hear about your mom. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Maury Hudson - May 12, 2014 at 11:14 AM

PM

“ Dear Worley Family, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. She was such a wonderful lady and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Please know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,  
Patsy Meck

Patsy Meck - May 12, 2014 at 09:12 AM

VS

“ Bud and John. Thinking of you and lifting you in prayers. Mrs. Joyce was an amazing lady and always there to help. She will be missed.  
Vicki P. Sanders

Vicki P. Sanders - May 12, 2014 at 08:23 AM

JP

“ *John and Bud,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Miss Joyce was a beautiful lady and I have many fond memories of her. She was one of the most kind and caring individuals I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. She did so much for Lucile and Buster when they were alive and I will always be grateful.*  
*Jim Powell*

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**Jim Powell** - May 12, 2014 at 06:58 AM

CT

“ *Bud and John, our entire family was saddened to learn of the loss of your mother. Please know we will be keeping you in our prayers and thoughts.*

*Your mother was a great lady. She will be missed, but never forgotten.*

*Sincerely,*

*Cliff and Denise Todd*

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**cliff todd** - May 11, 2014 at 10:09 PM

TH

“ *Thinking of you Bud and John. Prayers and love to you both.*  
*Tammye Hudson*

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**Tammye Hudson** - May 11, 2014 at 09:58 PM

PD

“ Dear Bud and family,  
We are so sorry to hear about the death of  
your Mom. Please know that we will have  
you in our thoughts and prayers today and in  
the days to come.

Our love,  
The Jerry Don Dorman Family  
Jerry, Pat, Jeremy,  
Lance and Lara Kate  
Proverbs 17:17



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**Pat E Dorman** - May 11, 2014 at 09:55 PM

ST

John, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My deepest sympathy. Will  
keep you and your family in my prayers.

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**Sharon Travis** - May 14, 2014 at 01:13 PM

OC

Dear John & Bud and all your family - My heart has been crying for you  
ever since I heard about your mothers tragic death. She seemed to me  
to be the last link to the Worley history of long ago. I was so looking  
forward to visiting with her when I come to Texas in June. She was so  
loving and kind and was always the same every time I saw her. She  
was a treasure to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed. I pray  
for peace strength comfort for all of you at this extremely difficult time  
and the days ahead. I pray it will be comforting to know she is in the  
hands of her Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Oleane Worley Mullins Carter** - May 14, 2014 at 03:04 PM

JO

Dear Bud & John, So sorry about Miss Joyce. The last time I saw her  
was in April at the birthday for Bro. Brooks. We hugged and told each  
other that we missed each other and expressed our love for each  
other. She was a humble, loving and caring woman and her presence  
will be missed greatly. God grant you peace and comfort a this time.  
Judy Orr

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**Judy Orr** - May 14, 2014 at 08:32 PM