



## Lillian "Sis" Kelley

November 26, 1926 - March 17, 2013

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillian "Sis" Kelley, 86 of DeBerry, Texas will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church with Rev. David Urban officiating. Burial will follow in the Panola-Mt. Zion Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be Tuesday evening from 6–8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Mrs. Kelley passed away March 17, 2013 at her home in DeBerry.

Mrs. Lillian Fern "Sis" Lawless Kelley was born November 26, 1926 in DeBerry, Texas to the marriage of Bernice and Fern Nichols Lawless. Sis was raised and schooled in DeBerry and graduated from Elysian Fields High School. She met and later married Thomas Ewing Kelley on May 13, 1947 and they spent 59 years together until he preceded her in death on April 30, 2006. Mrs. Kelley worked with her husband in his auto salvage business for many years and later worked for Thiokol Chemical Company until she retired. She was a member of the Mt. Zion U.M.C. and loved gardening, cooking and traveling all over the United States with her husband after they retired. Mrs. Kelley is also preceded in death by her parents, sister, Frances Ditmore, and daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Harris Kelley.

Mrs. Kelley is survived by her sons, Thomas J. Kelley of Austin, Gary G. Kelley and wife Miriam of Houston, Alan Kelley and wife Cindy of DeBerry; brothers, Luther Lawless and wife Brenda of Lindale, Jimmy Lawless and wife Virgie of Panola; sister, Gloria Creel of DeBerry; nephew, Jack Ditmore of Dallas; thirteen grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; numerous other

relatives and a host of friends. The family would like to extend a special "Thank You" to Sis' loving caregivers Elaine, Yvonne and Ruth.

Serving as pallbearers will be Cliff Lawless, Mark Lawless, Matt McCarty, Steve Pear, Choya Crenshaw and Paul Mladenka.

If desired, the family requests that any memorials be made in Mrs. Kelley's name to the Panola-Mt. Zion Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 243, Panola, Texas 75685 or to the Mt. Zion U.M.C., P.O. Box 274, Panola, Texas 75685.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church  
1174 CR 328/P.O. Box 274  
Panola, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lillian "Sis" Kelley



Hawthorn Funeral Home - March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Ms Kelly will really be missed. She always asked about my girls and what they were doing. She was so special and always had a smile on her face. She was very special to my girls. May God comfort you and your family especially in the next few weeks. We loved her and will miss her.##imported-begin##Sheila Boyett and family##imported-end##

March 20, 2013 at 12:43 PM



“ Our prayers are with all your families.##imported-begin##Bobby Horton ##imported-end##

March 19, 2013 at 03:54 PM



“ very sorry with the loss of your mother .she will be missed .always had a smile and spoke to you wanda lawless and family##imported-begin##james lawless##imported-end##

March 19, 2013 at 03:03 PM



“ Rest in peace sweet lady. May God give your family peace and comfort during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Marla whitehead##imported-end##

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March 19, 2013 at 12:10 PM



“ I wish that I could be present at the memorial, to share memories with the family and friends. I'll remember Lillian as one of my favorite aunts; she always welcomed me into their home, and would have foods ready that she knew I would love. I cherish the fond memories that I have of her and Uncle Ewing. May she rest in peace.##imported-begin##Kathy Kelley McCabe##imported-end##

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March 18, 2013 at 09:02 PM



“ Dear Family of Aunt Lillian,  
I have such fond and loving memories of Aunt Lillian - she was a strong and courageous woman and also so loving and patient with a tremendous sense of humor and that always-present twinkle in her eye. I couldn't wait to visit with her when I journeyed home to Shreveport. And I loved Christmas Eve at her house - you all knew how to have the best time ever!! Your family has been blessed by an unforgettable woman who leaves her mark on each and every one of you.  
My love always, Cousin Laurie##imported-begin##Laurie Kelley##imported-end##

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March 18, 2013 at 08:51 PM



“ A loving farewell to one of my favorite cousins!##imported-begin##Norma Dianne##imported-end##

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March 18, 2013 at 06:43 PM



“ Dear Tommy, Gary and Alan,

Your mother was a very special lady and I thought a lot of her. She was very special to my mother too. My prayers are with you.

Love, Brenda##imported-begin##Brenda (Lawless)  
DeBlance##imported-end##

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March 18, 2013 at 06:39 PM



“ Sweet, sweet lady. Always enjoyed seeing and visiting with her at Beth's shop. To her sons and family; you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jamie McCarty  
Winningham##imported-end##

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March 18, 2013 at 03:48 PM



“ Mrs. Kelley was a wonderful lady. We will miss her greatly.

Choya and Maurine##imported-begin##Choya and Maurine  
Crenshaw##imported-end##

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March 18, 2013 at 09:16 AM