



Mrs. Louise Ashby

January 26, 1930 - November 30, 2023

Louise Riggs Ashby was born January 26, 1930, in Louann, Arkansas. She passed away November 30, 2023, at the age of 93. She was the second child and only daughter born to Troy and Helen (Cramer) Riggs, with older brother Charles and younger brothers Shelton and Keith Riggs to follow. In 1935, she moved with her family from the Smackover Oilfield to the East Texas Oilfield, eventually settling in the Price community. Growing up on an oil lease, she learned very early to work hard, a value she would demonstrate her entire life. She was educated in the Carlisle Schools, graduating in 1947. Immediately following, she enrolled in Stephen F. Austin State College, earning her BS in Home Economics in 3 years. She began her career in Carthage in 1950, with the Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Service as a home demonstration agent.

That same year, she married her high school sweetheart, James Wiley Ashby. The couple celebrated 59 years together, before his passing in 2009. She was the very proud mother of 3 children.

After several years as a stay-at-home mom, and substitute teacher, she began a 25-year teaching career at Baker-Koonce Elementary School, retiring in 1995. For many years, she was an active member of the Phi Delta Kappa Teachers' Sorority.

She was an outstanding seamstress and loved to sew for her family and friends. In her later years, she enjoyed quilting and the local quilt club.

She was an active member of Central Baptist Church for over 73 years. She

headed or served on numerous committees including the kitchen, bereavement, and the baptismal committees. She also helped each year with Sunday school and Bible school. Along with her husband, she volunteered for mission building trips for 35 years, missing only two. She jokingly added that all her entries in the church cookbook fed 60 people.

She was also a dedicated supporter of the high school band and was a charter member of the CHS Band Booster Club.

She is best known for her service to others through sewing, providing meals, or transportation to doctors' visits, and for being there to help a friend.

Preceding her in death are her husband James, daughters Sharon Ashby Davis, and Karon Ashby O'Neal, along with her parents, and brothers Charles Riggs and Shelton Riggs.

Survivors include her brother, Keith Riggs of Price, son Kevin Ashby and wife Betty Ann of Lake Jackson, grandson Kyle Ashby (Alex) of Beaumont, Texas, granddaughter Katy Ashby of College Station, grandson Brent Davis (Stephanie) of Tyler, granddaughter Shelley James (Matt) of San Antonio.

Also surviving her are 6 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her Son-in-Law Bill O'Neal, and four very special granddaughters Lynn Martinez (Rudy) of Corpus Christi, Shelly O'Neal of Corsicana, Berri Gormley (Drew), of Colleyville, and Causbie Henderson (Dusty) of Van Alstyne and their 7 children.

Serving as pallbearers are Kyle Ashby, Brent Davis, Matt James, Jeff Choate, Don Clinton, and Mike Bolwerk.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday December 4, 2023, at Central Baptist Church, with interment to follow at Duncan Cemetery in Goodsprings, Rusk County, Texas under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 5-7:00 p.m. at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

An online guestbook may be signed at www.hawthornfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Duncan Cemetery

Us 79 and CR 454
Henderson, TX 75654

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Central Baptist Church
220 W. Sabine
Carthage, TX

Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Louise Ashby



Hawthorn Funeral Home - December 01, 2023 at 04:03 PM

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“ Having grown up in Central Baptist Church, the Ashby's were part of my life. When Robert and I moved back to Carthage in 1970, I had the pleasure of knowing them and loving them from an adult perspective. When we took our mission trip to Omaha, both Mr. and Mrs. Ashby led out in the building and the kitchen. We roofed and shingled and had the best meals to keep us going. Sharon was a friend of my sister. And we felt her loss. And Karon was the energizer bunny who was bound and determined to keep going, no matter what. And she was so musically gifted. James was the tall red-haired guy in the choir with the great sense of humor and wonderful smile. Oh, what about the glorious hats that Louise and Karon created? The Ashby family had a big impact on my life. I will keep each of you in my prayers as you rejoice in Louise's homecoming, but deal with the hole left in your hearts. Carolyn Smith Reid

Carolyn S Reid - December 04, 2023 at 07:14 AM

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Remembering our friends and neighbors. Louise was such a sweet lady! Condolences to the Ashby Family. Carole and Bernard Smith, NC

carole smith - December 17, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Louise Ashby.



December 02, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Louise Ashby.



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“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Louise Ashby.



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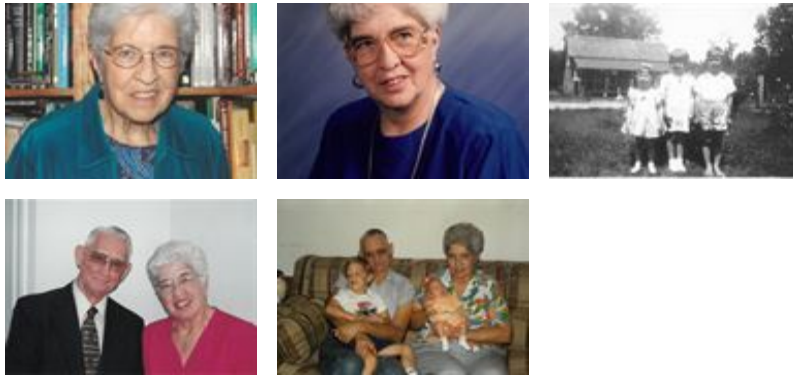
“ Mrs Ashby was such a sweet, kind and caring person. She and Mr Ashby were friends and fellow church members with my parents, Syd and Billie McGraw. My parents loved them both. Mrs Ashby would go to doctor appointments out of town with my mom after my father passed away. She also would meet my mom for dinner so they could keep each other company. Such a talented quilter that I had the pleasure of working with on the quilt show. She was a jewel. Heaven surely gained an angel. May God comfort you in the coming days.

Debbie Pierce

Debbie Pierce - December 01, 2023 at 07:18 PM



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“ I have many memories of the Ashby family. One time Mrs. Ashby crocheted vests for a group of us girls. She was very talented. She was the leader of our camp fire group for many years. She was very giving. She will be missed.



Krista Kilgore Furtick - December 01, 2023 at 02:02 PM

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“ *She was a wonderful and strong lady. A great extension of Jesus Christ's love. Renee Spurgeon Nolen*

Renee Nolen - December 01, 2023 at 11:59 AM

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“ *Our condolences. HeartsWay Hospice Staff*



kim henigan - December 01, 2023 at 11:32 AM