



## Mona Kuoppala Guilbeau

October 4, 1964 - February 26, 2013

Funeral services for Mrs. Mona Kuoppala Guilbeau, 48, of the Old Center Community in Panola County, Texas will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 2, 2013 at the First Baptist Church of Carthage with Dr. Allen Tilley officiating. Burial will follow in the Old Center Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Friday night at Hawthorn Funeral Home. Mrs. Guilbeau died Tuesday, February 26, 2013.

Mrs. Mona Kay Kuoppala Guilbeau was born October 4, 1964 in Carthage, Texas. She was one of two children born to the marriage of Lauri and Elsie Bryant Kuoppala. She was a graduate of Carthage High School with the class of 1983 and obtained her Bachelors of Business Administration through LeTourneau University graduating in 2003. Mona married Jeffrey Thomas Guilbeau, III November 6, 1987 and they celebrated almost 26 years of marriage together. She began working for Carthage I.S.D. in 1990 and served as Director of Human Resources. Mona served as an upper level member of the Texas Assoc. of School Business Officials and was a member of the First Baptist Church. She was a friend to so many personally and professionally. Mona lived her life for and through the family she loved, as a devoted wife and mother; she gave all to her loving husband and children.

Mrs. Guilbeau is survived by her devoted husband Jeffrey Guilbeau, III, daughter Lexi Guilbeau and son, Beaux Guilbeau both of Old Center, her parents, Lauri and Elsie Kuoppala of Old Center, sister, Melanie Brooks and husband William of Carthage and her niece, Millicent, many other relatives

and a host of friends. The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church of Carthage.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

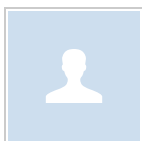
First Baptist Church of Carthage  
256 S Market St.  
Carthage, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ I was so sorry to hear of Mona's passing. I live in California and it was through a friend that I just found out this morning. We were classmates at Carthage High School class of 1983. I remember her kind, generous spirit and what a blessing it was to know her and be her friend at school...I can see her face like it was yesterday. My heart is heavy, but I know she is with our Lord and may you find peace in that fact as well. I will be keeping you all in my prayers.##imported-begin##Renee Gage Allen##imported-end##

March 09, 2013 at 02:14 PM



“ Praying for you and the family.##imported-begin##Betty Twomey##imported-end##

March 02, 2013 at 03:33 PM



“ Deepest Sympathy during this time.##imported-begin##Evelyn Wedgeworth##imported-end##

March 02, 2013 at 10:50 AM



“ Even though we can't be there in person, please know we are with you in spirit, and share your sorrow and grief. Sending prayers of comfort and strength to all of you-Aunt Elsie, Uncle Lauri; Jeff, Alexis & Beau; Melanie, Willie & Millie. Love you all ~  
Joan##imported-begin##Joan Kaurala##imported-end##

March 02, 2013 at 10:22 AM



“ I worked for Carthage ISD for two years as a substitute teacher. I had to go through Mona to get hired and saw her several times. She was always very nice and always had a smile on her face. Although I have moved from Carthage I consider a lot of people there family and Mona is one. My prayers and thoughts are with the family during this time. God Bless.##imported-begin##Betty Huffman##imported-end##

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March 01, 2013 at 09:48 PM



“ I know that no words can ease the pain and loss that you are feeling right now, just know that the entire family is in my thoughts and prayers.  
Karen Beasley Ross  
CHS class of 1983##imported-begin##Karen Beasley Ross##imported-end##

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March 01, 2013 at 08:48 PM



“ Mrs. Mona was a sweet lady and will be missed by all who had the privilege and pleasure of meeting her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Blake & Shayne (Rowe) Thames##imported-end##

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March 01, 2013 at 04:10 PM



“ Mona you will truly be missed. You were such a blessing to my brother you were his everything and Lexi and Beaux. Love you,  
Trisha Earley##imported-begin##Trisha & Steve Stephen II Earley##imported-end##

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March 01, 2013 at 03:09 PM



“ *Mr. & Mrs. Kuoppala, Jeff, Alexia, and Beaux,  
My heart is so heavy. I can't imagine the pain you are in. I haven't lost my spouse, a child or my mother, so I can't even begin to feel the hurt all of you are experiencing. Mona was a sweet, good person. Whether at work or away, she was the same. I will forever cherish the years I worked with her at CHS. My prayers are with you and may GOD Bless you during this time and the months ahead. Mona will be missed.##imported-begin##Kerry Smith##imported-end##*

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March 01, 2013 at 02:41 PM



“ *Lexi,  
You and your family are in my prayers. May God be the source of comfort during this time.*

*God bless!*

*Rebecca##imported-begin##Rebecca Daniel##imported-end##*

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March 01, 2013 at 02:39 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Toni Newton Jones##imported-end##*

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March 01, 2013 at 01:31 PM



“ Alexia & family, So sorry for your loss. Your mother was such a sweet lady. God Bless you and your family during this hard time. Know that God always has a plan. I will be thinking of you on Saturday.

With deepest sympathy,  
Annette Johnson###imported-begin##Annette Johnson###imported-end##

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March 01, 2013 at 10:48 AM



“ Jeff although i never met Mona i know how much she was a part of you. She will always be with you. I lift you and your family up in my prayers. We may never know why she was taken away so soon but God does comfort those in need. Scott and I will always be here for you. We love you and are so sorry. Treasure the sweet memories of Mona and the time that God allowed you to have her. God bless guilbeau...###imported-begin##jill moore###imported-end##

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February 28, 2013 at 11:44 PM



“ So saddened to hear of the passing of your wonderful Mona. May God continue to bless and comfort you during this time.

John 14:1###imported-begin##Earnesteen Pellum & Meko Kelley-Cherry###imported-end##

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February 28, 2013 at 10:56 PM



“ Sharon and I extend our deepest sympathy to your family and we will keep you in our prayers. Mona was a great friend and will be missed by all of us. May God be with you. We love you all.##imported-begin##Stuart and Sharon Bird##imported-end##

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February 28, 2013 at 10:12 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Lisa Cockrell##imported-end##

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February 28, 2013 at 09:04 PM



“ Still stunned. Holding you all in thought and prayer, remembering so many adventures, grateful for Mona's life and the love and laughter she brought to us all.##imported-begin##Elizabeth Kuoppala##imported-end##

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February 28, 2013 at 08:22 PM



“ Prayers for all of your family. Mona was a beautiful woman with a beautiful heart.##imported-begin##Mellissa Manis Dumas##imported-end##

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February 28, 2013 at 06:11 PM



“ I just read in the newspaper that Mona passed away. I wanted to express my deepest sympathy to her family. We were classmates at CHS--"Class of 1983" and I will always remember Mona as a kind, honest, and cheerful person. She was indeed a significant influence for good in others. Mona is in Heaven and will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Alessa Starling of Longbranch, Texas##imported-end##

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February 28, 2013 at 05:12 PM



“ im am so deeply sorry for yalls lost , Mona was a sweet person who will be missed i will be praying##imported-begin##cindy##imported-end##

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February 28, 2013 at 10:57 AM



“ Mona and I haven't seen each other in years. We graduated together in 1983. However, if I close my eyes i can still see her sweet face and welcoming smile. I know she was a wonderful blessing to those that were close to her....she was just that kind of person. My sincere condolences to her family and friends!##imported-begin##Debra ##imported-end##

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February 28, 2013 at 10:17 AM



“ We are never prepared for the loss of a loved one, but God is always prepared to hlep us through that loss. May His presence begin the healing in you heart and may His love surround you with the comfort on He can give. Mona was a wonderful person inside and out. My prayers to the family.##imported-begin##Amy Armstrong Anderson##imported-end##

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February 28, 2013 at 09:39 AM



“ Prayers and heartfelt sympathy going out to all your family.##imported-begin##Johnnie Nix##imported-end##

February 28, 2013 at 08:50 AM



“ Dearest Elsie, so sorry to hear the news about your sweet Mona. You and all the family are in our thoughts and prayers.Love you, Louise.##imported-begin##Carl and Louise (Hartley) Ferguson##imported-end##

February 28, 2013 at 12:12 AM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of Mona. I will keep your whole family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Gary McDaniel##imported-end##

February 27, 2013 at 08:11 PM



“ Dearest Jeffrey & Family - our prayers go out to you and your family at this difficult time. May God give you peace -##imported-begin##Wanda Hadwin##imported-end##

February 27, 2013 at 04:18 PM



“ Mona was such a sweet, special person, a great Christian woman. It was my priviledge and pleasure to know her and she will be missed by everyone. May our Lord wrap his loving arms around your family during this time and give you comfort.##imported-begin##Diana Nowell##imported-end##

February 27, 2013 at 03:34 PM



“ I want you to know that you are all in my prayers. May God bless you and your Family.##imported-begin##Donna Foster Higginbotham##imported-end##

February 27, 2013 at 02:55 PM



“ Mona will be greatly missed.....she was such a bright shining light.....I will miss her sweet smile and upbeat voice...she was loved by all who knew her.....you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Patty Dawson##imported-end##

February 27, 2013 at 02:45 PM



“ My heart is heavy. I have no words. Please just know that my prayers are with you all. I loved Mona. She was very special in so many ways. She will be missed. Love you Elsie and Mr. Kuoppala##imported-begin##Diane Gibson##imported-end##

February 27, 2013 at 01:57 PM



“ Prayers and condolences to Mona's family. Mona was a genuinely nice lady, she assisted me when I originally went to work for CISD in '97, and many, many times since then.

*She, always was willing to help in any way she could.*

*I will miss her!*

*June Dyke*

*CJHS Nurse##imported-begin##June Dyke##imported-end##*

February 27, 2013 at 01:16 PM



“ Alexia,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please  
accept my condolences.  
In Christ,  
Peggie Stovall###imported-begin##Peggie Stovall###imported-  
end##

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February 27, 2013 at 12:21 PM

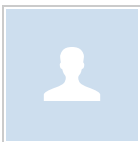


“ To Mona's family: We have no words to express to you our heartfelt  
sympathies to you during this time. Mona was a wonderful lady and  
she will be missed by many, many people. We pray that God's  
loving arms will surround each of you at this very difficult time in  
lives and give you the peace, comfort and understanding that you  
need so much right now. You will be continually in our prayers in the  
days ahead.

Richard and Terri Reed###imported-begin##Richard and Terri  
Reed###imported-end##

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February 27, 2013 at 11:20 AM



“ One of the sweetest people you'll ever meet, and one of the most  
beautiful voices you've heard she sang at mine and Carolyn's  
wedding in June of 1984###imported-begin##Steven  
Mims###imported-end##

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February 27, 2013 at 11:15 AM



“ Dwayne, Amy, Kimberly and I offer our deepest heartfelt condolences. May God surround you all with His peace and comfort. You are each in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Cristie Ferguson##imported-end##

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February 27, 2013 at 08:36 AM



“ My heart is broken over this tragedy. The family is in my thoughts and prayers. Such a wonderful lady. Heaven has gained another angel.##imported-begin##Glenda Chambers Grimes##imported-end##

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February 27, 2013 at 08:07 AM



“ Pat and I extend our deepest sympathy to all the family. Our prayers are with you at this time. John and Pat Cordray##imported-begin##John Cordray##imported-end##

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February 27, 2013 at 06:50 AM



“ My heart is so heavy. I am so sorry to hear about Mona. I pray for peace and comfort for you all. Love and hugs from my family. Carla (Digilormo) Kifer##imported-begin##Carla Digilormo Kifer##imported-end##

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February 26, 2013 at 07:00 PM