



## Mrs. Ruby Downing

March 24, 1928 - April 14, 2017

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruby Downing, 89, of Gary, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 17, 2017 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Carl Anderson officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Bethel Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Sunday night at Hawthorn's. Mrs. Downing died peacefully at her Gary home April 14, 2017.

Mrs. Ruby Mae Clark Downing was born March 24, 1928 in Beckville, Texas. She was one of six children born to the marriage of Elliott Samuel and Mabel Dane Baker Clark. She was raised and schooled in Beckville and Marshall. Ruby married Leonard Thurlow Downing and they celebrated 37 years together before he preceded her in death in 1982.

Mrs. Downing worked in her early years at both a sewing and basket factory. She worked for Gary I.S.D. in the cafeteria for many years. She loved Elvis and collecting salt and pepper shakers. She is also preceded in death by her parents, her siblings, Nella Faye Ingram, Nettie Stansbury, Jessie James Clark and Bonnie Clark, two sons, Luther Ray and Troy Dean Downing.

Mrs. Downing is survived by her devoted children, Rodney Lynn Downing, Sr. and wife Doris of Gary, Jimmie Downing and wife Cathy of Gary, Mary Sue Kiper and husband Lanny of Carthage, Billy Wayne Downing Sr. and wife Debra of Gary, sister, Josephine Wilkins of Sour Lake, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of friends. Serving as pallbearers will be Billy Wayne Downing Jr., Dellen Seals, Nathan

Downing, Alex Downing, Ray Kiper and Mark Harrison. An online guestbook may be signed at [www.hawthornfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Bethel Cemetery

3841 FM 999 W  
Gary, TX 75643

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **16**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

APR **17**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ I'll never forget the first time we went to Texas and stayed at Aunt Ruby's house. I'll never forget all the fun we had. Love you and miss you Aunt Ruby. Celina.



Celina Strzyz - July 22, 2018 at 08:04 PM

SB

“ Shelia Bolling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruby Downing



Shelia Bolling - April 17, 2017 at 11:33 AM

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Shelia Bolling - April 17, 2017 at 11:37 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruby Downing.



April 16, 2017 at 06:43 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - April 16, 2017 at 01:07 PM

MR

“ Billy my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Your friend and classmate Mark Robinson

Mark Robinson - April 15, 2017 at 09:08 AM

KB

“ I loved being Mrs Ruby's nurse for many years. She was a wonderful lady. She was there for me when my mother passed. We have laughed a lot during our visits and will cherish our memories. Love you sweet lady. Continued prayers for the family.



Katti Bird - April 14, 2017 at 07:36 PM

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“ *Tina Wehrle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruby Downing*



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**Tina Wehrle** - April 14, 2017 at 05:25 PM

BM

“ *Bridget Morrow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruby Downing*



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**Bridget Morrow** - April 14, 2017 at 03:47 PM