



Mrs. Thelma Collins

June 13, 1919 - March 30, 2015

Funeral services for Mrs. Thelma Perry Collins, 95, of Panola County, Texas formerly of Oil City, LA will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Steve Owen officiating. Burial will follow in the Vivian Cemetery in Vivian, Louisiana. Family visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Tuesday night at the funeral home. Mrs. Collins died March 30, 2015 in Panola County, Texas.

Mrs. Collins was born June 13, 1919 in Hope, AR to the marriage of Bonnie Sue Smith and Oliver O. Perry. She was raised in Oil City, La. where she attended Central Christian Church. After she graduated from high school, Thelma married Troy O. Collins on January 11, 1939. Troy was employed by Texaco, and they and their children lived 25 years in Bogota, Colombia where Thelma was renowned for her cooking and hosting. She was a member of the Women's Guild of Bogota and loved playing Bridge with her friends. Later they lived in Venezuela, Trinidad, Scotland, and Ecuador. In 1982, they purchased a home on Lake Murvaul near Carthage and retired there.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Troy, and two children, Brenda Harris and Kent Collins. Mrs. Collins is survived by two daughters, Rhoda Collins of Houston, and Melissa "Missy" Tibbets and husband Jon of Longview, and two sons, Troy Collins and wife Linda of Broken Arrow, OK, and Ronald A. Collins and wife Melinda of Quitaque, Texas. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Samaritan's Purse or HeartsWay Hospice of Northeast Texas.

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

Tribute Wall



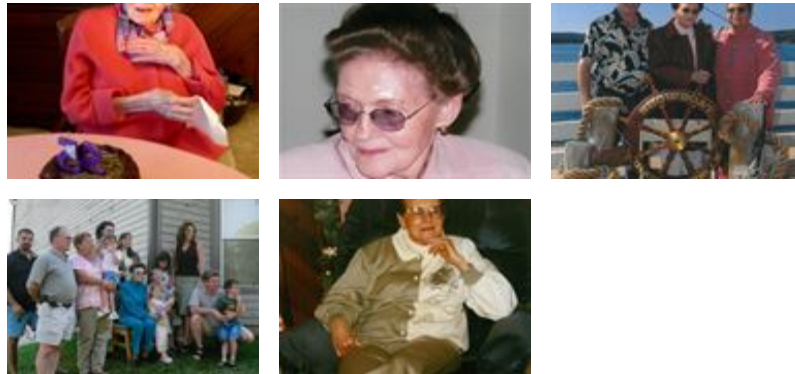
“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Thelma Collins



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“ Charlene and Bea purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Thelma Collins.



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“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Thelma Collins.*



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“ *First and foremost my prayers for the family. I cared for Ms. Collins for several months, she shared so many great stories of her travels in the world. Her very favorite place being Bogata. I remember when she explained to me why her grandchildren called her mamasita, meaning "little mama" she explained it with such pride. Ms. Collins was a very prideful woman and had many great stories to share with others who would listen. It was a pleasure to have known her and learn from her of days gone by. Rest easy Ms.Collins as the time for everlasting life is here.*



*Rhoda and Missy my prayers to everyone in your family. Be at peace your mom lived such a full life that far to many people do not have the chance. She was very blessed.
My deepest sympathy,
Heidi Frietchen*

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