



Billie Crawford

August 17, 1925 - August 27, 2007

VIEW VIDEO TRIBUTE Billie Louise Crawford was born on August 17, 1925 to Ed and Ollie Belle (Wade) Gilmore in Perrin, Texas. She passed away on Monday August 27, 2007 in Wichita Falls, Texas. She was 82 years old. She married the late Lester Dalton Crawford who preceded her in death in 1955. She was a very hard working mother and home economics teacher. She acquired her Bachelor's Degree from North Texas State University and her Master's Degree from Texas Woman's University. She taught a total of 37 years with 30 of those years in Jacksboro. She was a member of Memorial Christian Church; Eastern Star; Retired Teachers of Parker County; Delta Kappa Gamma and Memorial Christian Church. She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She is survived by her daughter Mary Jo Jansson and husband Jack of Shawnee, Kansas; her son Eddie Crawford and wife Sandy of Henrietta, Texas; her two sisters Jo Ed Harrison of Jacksboro and Mary Eva Clark and husband Lon of Weatherford, Texas; 8 grandchildren Shawn Moreland, Chad Farris and wife Christian, Tory Ponder and husband Scott, Courtney Harminson, Ty Boggeman, Todd Jansson and wife Katie, Joe Mac Boggeman, Kyle Jansson and wife McKenna; 8 great-grandchildren Kylie and Braydin Moreland, Ashlee and Cam Ponder, Hayley Harminson, Derek and Raymond Farris, Adeline Louise Jansson; and fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Visitation will be Friday evening from 7 to 8pm at Coker Funeral Home in Jacksboro. Services will be Saturday morning, September 1, 2007 at 11:00am at Memorial

Christian Church in Jacksboro with burial to follow at Oakwood Cemetery.
Memorials may be made to: Clothes Closet PO Box 700 Jacksboro, Texas
76458 or Memorial Christian Church 241 West Live Oak Street Jacksboro,
Texas 76458 or Jack County Concerned Citizens 400 East Pine Street
Jacksboro, Texas 76458

Tribute Wall



“ *Billie Crawford*

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *Billie Crawford*

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Billie Crawford*



Loretta Martinez - September 16, 2017 at 01:40 AM



“ *God's goodness and mercy has blessed Ms. Crawford and each member of her beloved family. Her life and service to mankind are shining examples for all who knew her and were touched by her love. In God's light she will always walk with us and remain in our loving memories. Now, she may walk with God forever and be there to welcome each of us when we too get to go home. Until then, may the Crawford family find solace and peace in God's love and promise of eternal life.*

Tom & Robin Hardwick - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Thank God for sending us role models like Billie Crawford. She was such a positive influence on us as young adults and always treated us like one of her own. I spent many a lunch at the City Drug Store with Billie and I can't remember one single day that I ever went away without a big smile on my face. She gave us two beautiful children, Mary Jo and Eddie, to grow up and play with and they will always be special to me. JHS was truly blessed to have her as our Home Economics teacher and she will live on in the halls of JHS forever.

Jim Whitsitt - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Billie had such an impact on all of our lives. Brad and Phil remember her fondly from their childhood summer vacations to Texas, as we all do. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family.

Harold Cheves Family, Phil Cheves Family, and Brad Cheves Family - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

“ To my friend, Billie

Tears filled my eyes when I learned you had passed away, then I heard your laughter. Memories are special blessings and remembering our time together especially at JHS replaced my tears with a smile.

All the projects you had and all the projects we shared are special memories. Planning our first Dinner Theatre, selling Mr. Boykin on the idea, baking all those loaves of bread, preparing food, worrying about ticket sales, enlisting the whole school population to participate--did we ever think it would be such a success?

You introduced me to tole painting as we rushed to the homemaking lab on our off periods so you could teach me the stokes. You didn't know it would turn into a lifetime project as I graduated from tole painting to oils and canvas. I never paint a canvas without thinking of you.

Your legacy lives on through your family, ex-students and friends. You touch so many lives and gave your friendship and your love to us all. Your zest for live, your laughter and your friendship was, is and always will be cherished.

To Billie's friends and loved ones:

*She is Gone
Author unknown*

*You can shed tears that she is gone,
Or you can smile because she lived.*

*You can close yur eyes and pray that she will come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left.*

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her,

Or you can be full of love you shared.

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember her and only that she is gone,
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what she would want; smile, open your eyes, love
and go on.*

Carol MacDonald - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *My prayers are with you all at this time of loss and even though you don't know me, I want you to know what an honor it was to have had her for a teacher and a friend long after I left school. There have been many times in my life that if it were not for her wonderful and kind words through teaching, I would not have been able to face the road ahead. She taught me to be frugal, stern but loving and when I went to the pantry and found very little there, I could always make a meal. I made clothes for my children and grandchildren and fond memories of her were sewn in every stitch. I will miss her for a while but be happy in the thought that God gained a wonderful person in his kingdom. May God Bless and Keep You All.*

Sharon,Hodges, James - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ One of my fondest memories on the farm was when Dalton brought Billie for a visit and we had a view of their future life together. Dalton was a big brother to me and one of the saddest days of my life was when I got word in Germany that he was killed in a horrible accident.

Billie had a great life sharing the lives of Mary Jo and Eddie and the great number of grandchildren.

Dalton and Billie are now together once again and will always be remembered by friends and family. We are sure that both of you are very proud of your mother and father and all of our prayers are with you and your families at this very difficult time.

Ron Cheves - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ We both remember Aunt Billie as a wonderfully sweet, caring woman, and we especially appreciated how warmly she welcomed us into Tina's family. I recall how much love and energy she contributed to Paul and Tina's wedding. It was lovely, and the food was, of course, wonderful. She has always been a joy to visit with whenever she was able to join in family gatherings and many times has called me up out of the blue "just because she was thinking of me." Billie will be missed and remembered with great fondness.

Jane Pulley - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

“Honestly, I was disappointed at the funeral when I wasn't allowed to get up and give my remembrances of Aunt "B". Then I came the realization that if Sissie and Eddie had opened the floor to anyone to speak, we would have been there til next week at least! It was a lovely service...just like she planned, I'm sure.

Aunt "B" will forever be one of my favorite people in the whole-wide world. Hers was a LIFE WELL-LIVED! The number of lives she changed is enumerable and will continue to go on for generations as her words of wisdom, shared talents, and teachings will be the legacy that she leaves behind.

I have so many fond memories of Aunt "B": summer visits spending nights and staying up late watching movies; learning new crafts and making gifts or Christmas ornaments; watching her work in the kitchen on our regular visits (admiring, of course, how easily she made it seem to feed a herd of family members); the annual Christmas Bazaars with every item made by her with love; the Avon samples she'd share with us so we could play dress-up; the bicycle that she (along with Ed and Sis) bought me for HS Graduation; the bridal luncheons she held for my sisters and me; the food she lovingly helped prepare and serve at my wedding reception. These, of course, are only a few.

Aunt "B" had a sassy and spirited side that came out on occasion. When I was entering Texas A&M as a freshman, it was Aunt "B" who took me to College Station for the week of freshman orientation. That was a memorable trip with a long string of events that didn't seem to go our way. We had stopped for dinner at the DQ in Waco and she had asked for a "burger - hold the lettuce." When the food came and her burger, of course, had lettuce on it she had a specially ornery moment - she wrote a note on a napkin that said, "I asked you to hold the lettuce, now hold it!" and left it sitting along with the unwanted shredded greens on the table. We ran out of there laughing like a couple of mischievous kids who had just gotten away with the greatest prank ever!

More recently, I was proud that my children had occasions to see how fun Aunt "B" could be. My youngest daughter, Rebecca, and I had made an annual date out of movies with Aunt "B" on our week long stay in Weatherford for the last few summers. I would always buy the movie tickets and she would treat us to Milk Duds and Diet Coke. Then she'd have to watch her blood sugar for the next day!

I love Aunt "B" and will miss her very much. I feel especially grateful to have had her in my life. Everyone should be lucky enough to have someone so special in their lives! Since not everyone is, though, we can all live by her example and be that person to someone else. She would want it that way.

Tina Pulley - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Dear Mary Jo and Eddy,
You are in our prayers and thoughts! Aunt Billie was always a favorite of mine because she was such a stem-winder! Love to all of your families,
Carole*

Carole Crawford DeArman - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM