



## Ida Stark

April 28, 1915 - November 21, 2007

Ida Mae Sims Stark, 92, of Dallas passed away November 21, 2007. Known to those who loved her as Imie, was born in El Reno, Oklahoma on April 28, 1915. Imie spent the early part of her life as a Pentagon telephone operator and beautician before discovering her passion for creating and decorating wedding cakes. Her cakes were known throughout the South and graced the parties of many socialites and politicians, including a Lady Bird Johnson gala. While nurturing her growing business, she remained a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Although she pioneered a successful business enterprise, Imie's true strength lay in her compassion and thoughtfulness for others. After her retirement, she volunteered her time mentoring children at the Vickery Meadow Learning Center, and stayed active through ballroom dancing, water aerobics, and bridge. In the face of adversities including the early loss of her mother, depression era poverty, and the sudden death of her first husband, Imie's joy and optimism never wavered and were an inspiration to all who knew her. She is survived by her grandchildren, Katherine Anne Stark and Mary Ellen Stark, her daughter-in-law, Anne P. Stark, her brother, Robert Sims and wife, Suzette, her nephews, Harry Fender II, and wife, Marcia, and Richard Fender, and wife, Jeannie. She was preceded in death by the light of her life, her son, Temple Cunningham Stark two months ago, her husbands, Temple Moberly and Joe E. Stark, her parents, step-mother Lois Sims, and siblings Geraldine Sims Fender, and Toby Sims. The family wishes to thank the staff at Caruth Haven Court, especially Canitha and

Nadine, for the extraordinary care provided to Imie over the past seven years. Donations in Ida Mae's name may be made to: Vickery Meadow Learning Center 6329 Ridgecrest Road Dallas, Texas 75231 Graveside Services will be 1:00 P.M. Sunday November 25, 2007 at Oakwood Cemetery in Jacksboro, Texas.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ida Stark*

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *Ida Stark*

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Lillie Mae, I am so sorry for your great loss. You have always been so supportive and precious to our family. Please know that we lift you in prayer, for your comfort, peace and sense of God's strong arms around you.*

*Love,  
Brenda*

**Brenda Mobley** - November 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ida Mae gave so much of herself to all who came in contact with her. I worked with the wonderful group of women she had drawn around her at the 'Cake House'. What a fun group to be with each day. The fun and laughter she brought into each day was like a ray of sunshine to all. Ida Mae will be greatly missed.*

**Patty (Sлимп) Carter** - November 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Where do I begin...I worked for Ida Mae at the Cake shop every summer through my high school years. She, Myrtis Leach, Evelyn Shaw, Sarah Sikes and Mildred Massengale were the most wonderful ladies for this little high school girl to work with. I have never had so much fun on a job. We worked hard, laughed, sang, but most of all truly enjoyed being with each other.

*I loved Ida Mae and Joe like they were part of our family.*

*She was so talented and had a gift of major creativity under pressure. I can remember so many fun stories and truly treasure the memories that I have her. She will truly be missed.*

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**Cindy Slimp Dorman** - November 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the family of Ida Mae Stark,  
I was so saddened to read of the passing of Ida Mae Stark.  
For the family how fortunate to have such a well respected family name.  
Ida Mae did our wedding cake . It is still my favorite memory and picture of our wedding.( In Wichita Falls)  
Everyone who views the picture is envious.  
Ida Mae Stark entered so many peoples lives. With her leaving she takes so much love with her from each of us for whom she baked for our special day.  
Know that she was loved.  
We feel diminished with her passing.  
Sincerely,  
Julia C. Brown

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**Julia Crawford Brown** - November 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM