



## Sarah Beryle Wells

April 12, 1931 - April 12, 2020

Sarah Beryle (Copeland) Wells, age 89, went to her heavenly home Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020 on her 89th birthday surrounded by her immediate family in her home. Private funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 16th with Lonny Hawkins officiating at Antelope United Methodist Church of Antelope, Texas with visitation starting at 10 a.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Coker Funeral Home in Jacksboro, Texas. Interment at Shannon Cemetery.

Sarah was born on April 12, 1931 to Byron E and Mary (Skiles) Copeland of Shannon, Texas. She was the second of four children weighing in at 3 lbs. 6 oz. She was saved at the age of 12 at the Shannon Revival. She attended Shannon school until it consolidated with Antelope. After graduating valedictorian of the Antelope class of 1948, Sarah earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Midwestern State University in 1966 graduating Magna Cum Laude and named Outstanding Secondary Education Major. While in college, Sarah was awarded the Jerry Vinson Scholarship award, served as president for Alpha Chi Honor Society 1 year, member of Who's Who, and Dean's List. Upon college graduation, Sarah began her 30-year teaching career at Hirschi High School teaching English, journalism, and serving as chairman of the English department. She received the inaugural 1983 WFISD/West Foundation award for demonstrating Teaching Excellence and dedication to the improvement of education. She would go on to receive

additional awards in 1986, 1987, and 1989. In 1990, after being named Teacher of the Year, Sarah became the supervisor of language arts and reading for Wichita Falls ISD until her retirement in 1996. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association, Texas State Teachers Association, and EA Chapter of PEO.

Sarah met Granvel (Grant) Wells on February 4, 1948 at a volleyball game in Antelope, Texas. After a six-month courtship, the couple married on August 7, 1948. Together they have one son, one grandson, and two great-granddaughters. In their early years, the couple lived in Jerymn and Jacksboro until they built a home in rural Clay County on family land in 1954. They were married 71 years, and Grant remained by her side until the very last breath holding her hand.

Sarah, affectionately called Nana by her grandchildren, loved spending time with her family, and her family loved spending time with her. You could find Nana in the bleachers offering support at school events. She often sat and talked for hours wanting to know all about what was going on at school or work. She was an excellent listener. Nana valued higher education and often paid tuition to help offset costs. She was an excellent cook and treated her family to numerous Sunday lunches after church and hosted Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts. For birthdays, she made her infamous triple layer German chocolate cake, a true treat for all. She enjoyed reading, loved shoes, tending to her Iris garden, working cross word puzzles, visiting with her sister, sewing numerous dresses for her great grand-daughters, and quilting. Each family member received a special handmade quilt to treasure for years to come.

Sarah was a lifelong member of the Antelope Methodist Church where she served on the board of directors, taught Sunday school, and played the piano for over 70 years. She was director of Shannon Cemetery and served on the

Shannon Cemetery history committee, the Antelope Ex-student's Association, and supported the Antelope Jamboree by making too many pies to count.

Sarah was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Gene and Joe Copeland.

She is survived by her husband Grant Wells; son Gary Wells and wife Linda; grandson Mark Wells and wife Jenny; great-granddaughters Ashley and Kristen Wells; sister and best friend Mary Sue (Susie) Wells and husband J.P. all of Antelope, Texas; many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and extended family.

The family has immense gratitude for Sarah's wonderful caregivers, church family, friends, and supporters who bestowed countless blessings on her and her family during her illness, especially Stormi, Bambi, and Adriana with Hospice of Wichita Falls.

Memorials can be made to the Antelope Volunteer Fire Department or Antelope United Methodist Church.

Farewell visitors will be accepted from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15th at Coker Funeral home in Jacksboro, Texas.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sarah Beryle Wells*

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *Sarah Beryle Wells*

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Sarah Beryle Wells*



Loretta Martinez - April 12, 2022 at 05:45 PM



“ *Mary Massengale lit a candle in memory of Sarah Beryle Wells*



Mary Massengale - April 24, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ *Mrs. Wells was my English teacher my junior year of high school. I always admired her breath of knowledge and that she treated us like young adults, not children. Her passing is a sharp loss to her family and community. Anne Bracket Short*

Anne B. Short - April 16, 2020 at 05:19 PM

DJ

“ *David & Gay Jackson lit a candle in memory of Sarah Beryle Wells*



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**David & Gay Jackson** - April 15, 2020 at 08:35 PM

CC

“ *Grant, Gary, Mary Sue, Johnnie and families, I am so sorry to hear of Sarah's passing. Sending you my thoughts and prayers for peace, comfort, and understanding. Sarah was a sweet lady with a very tender heart.*



*Connie Copeland and Family*

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**Connie Copeland** - April 15, 2020 at 06:47 PM

PB

“ *P.E.O. Chapter EA, Wichita Falls sends our deepest condolences to Grant and the family on the loss of your sweet wife, mother and grandmother. We were so saddened to read of her passing in today's paper. Chapter EA was so very fortunate to have Sarah as one of our sisters and we have certainly missed her these past years. She was our wonderful president in 2005-2006. The obituary on the website is a beautiful tribute to her dedication as an educator. Our prayers are with all of you.*

*Peggy Berend  
lberend@aol.com*

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**PEGGY BEREND** - April 15, 2020 at 04:21 PM

BF

“ Betty Kirkpatrick & family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sarah Beryle Wells.



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**Betty Kirkpatrick & family** - April 15, 2020 at 10:33 AM

DK

“ Debbie King lit a candle in memory of Sarah Beryle Wells

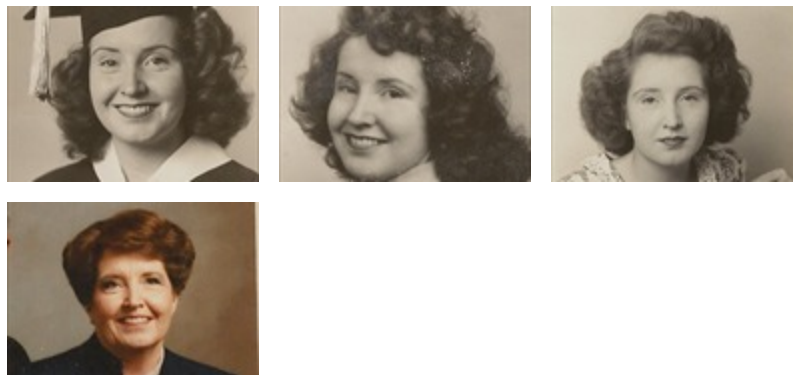


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**Debbie King** - April 14, 2020 at 09:27 PM

GW

“ 4 files added to the album Tribute Wall



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**Gary Wells** - April 14, 2020 at 09:17 PM

AK

“ *Ann Yoder Kimbrough lit a candle in memory of Sarah Beryle Wells*



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**Ann Yoder Kimbrough** - April 14, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ *Melba Mower lit a candle in memory of Sarah Beryle Wells*



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**Melba Mower** - April 14, 2020 at 05:31 PM

GK

“ *Gayla Kinder lit a candle in memory of Sarah Beryle Wells*



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**Gayla Kinder** - April 14, 2020 at 02:53 PM

CD

“ To her family, I'd like to thank you for sharing her with thousands of Hirschi High School students over the decades. I have wonderful memories of my classes with her (1978-1980) and can even now remember her delightful smile and genuine laughter woven into her teaching style. She had a reputation as a "tough teacher" because of what she expected of her students, but she always projected the belief that she knew we could rise to those expectations -- and in the process, we became better for it. What a legacy she has left in so many realms -- family, community, church, and education. My prayers are with you as you mourn her absence in your daily lives.

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**Cindy Lewis Dake** - April 14, 2020 at 12:37 PM

CS

“ My condolences to your family. She taught me at Hirschi in the late '70s, and that definitely contributed to my later career as a court reporter. Her obituary absolutely confirms how dedicated she was to education. I'm sorry for your loss.

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**Carol Smith** - April 14, 2020 at 08:41 AM



“ Dianna Oliver lit a candle in memory of Sarah Beryle Wells



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**Dianna Oliver** - April 14, 2020 at 07:49 AM



Sarah was truly beautiful inside and out! We love her and her family!

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**Dianna Oliver** - April 14, 2020 at 07:51 AM

JM

*Sarah has left a rich legacy. We worked with her at Hirschi for many years.*

*Jane & Tom McGough*

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**Jane McGough** - April 15, 2020 at 09:14 AM

BR

“ *Bug Rich lit a candle in memory of Sarah Beryle Wells*



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**Bug Rich** - April 14, 2020 at 12:25 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sarah Beryle Wells.*



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April 13, 2020 at 10:06 PM

TW

“ *Thomas Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Sarah Beryle Wells*



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**Thomas Wyatt** - April 13, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sarah Beryle Wells.*



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April 13, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ *Brasher/Copeland Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Sarah Beryle Wells.*



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**Brasher/Copeland Family** - April 13, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sarah Beryle Wells.*



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April 13, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ *Bob And Roxanna Maddox lit a candle in memory of Sarah Beryle Wells*



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**Bob and Roxanna Maddox** - April 13, 2020 at 05:34 PM

MF

“ *Mary Jackson & Brenda Fuller lit a candle in memory of Sarah Beryle Wells*



**Mary Jackson & Brenda Fuller** - April 13, 2020 at 05:29 PM

LB

“ *LaDonna Rater Brundige lit a candle in memory of Sarah Beryle Wells*



**LaDonna Rater Brundige** - April 13, 2020 at 02:08 PM

HK

“ *Harva Kuykendall lit a candle in memory of Sarah Beryle Wells*



**Harva Kuykendall** - April 13, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ *Pauline Dunham lit a candle in memory of Sarah Beryle Wells*



**Pauline Dunham** - April 13, 2020 at 12:59 PM



*My condolences to you Gary, prayers for you & your family*

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**Pauline Dunham** - April 13, 2020 at 12:56 PM