



Lillie "Billie" Russey

April 6, 1924 - October 19, 2020

Billie Russey 1924 - 2020

Lillie (Billie) Edith Blake, the 7th of 9 children born to Charles Sloan and Nellie (Payne) Blake was born in Springerton, Illinois, April 6, 1924, and moved to her heavenly home on October 19, 2020.

Billie was adventuresome. After finishing school in Mt Vernon, Illinois, she moved and completed a business school in Indiana. After completing the school she worked for a newspaper in Peoria, Illinois. She moved to Muskegon, Michigan to live with her older sister and work for Seal Power during WWII. It was there she saw an ad to recruit workers for Boeing Aircraft in Renton, Washington and Billie felt the call of adventure and road a train to Seattle, Washington, securing a job and finding lodging. Billie always denied being a "Rosie the Riviter" and said her job was to be the last to crawl through the B-17 planes to do the final check of screws and bolts before they left the plant. This adventure led to her meeting a handsome Army Paratrooper, Woodrow J. Russey, at the nearby military base during a lunch hour by a tennis court, but he soon received orders and was shipped out. They corresponded and after the war, Billie met Woodrow in Duncan, Oklahoma, and they married on September 9, 1945.

Billie and Woody had two children, Ellen Louise and Roland Dean. After many moves the family settled in Hobart, Oklahoma. Billie enjoyed being a housewife, a mother, a Sunday School teacher, and singing in the church choir. After children were grown she had a 13 year career as a receptionist for

an optometrist. She loved to travel, sew, and do ceramics, and fishing was a great passion of hers. She was a member & loved her church family at the First Baptist Church in Weatherford.

Billie is survived by her daughter Ellen Russey Johnson of Weatherford. She is further survived by her grandchildren, Kyle Pfenning (Rhonda) Oklahoma City and Deann Russey Cline of Fort Worth, TX; also a daughter-in-law, Carolyn Wilson of Denton, Tx. Billie loved being with her great grandchildren, Nicolas Russey Pfenning and Monica of Hobart, Shae Pfenning of Weatherford and Catherine and Trinity Cline of Fort Worth, TX. She would have loved getting to know her great-great grandson, Samuel Lee Pfenning. Billie was preceded in death by her husband, parents, 3 sisters, 5 brothers, her son, Ronnie, son-in-law, Richard Johnson and grand daughter, Stella Pfenning.

Graveside services for Billie are scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 2:00 P.M. at Hobart Rose Cemetery in Hobart, Oklahoma.

Online condolences for Billie can be made by visiting www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Baptist Homes for Children, or the Weatherford Food & Resource Center.

CDC guidelines will be observed with masks and social distancing.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lillie "Billie" Russey*

October 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *Lillie "Billie" Russey*

October 04, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ *Billie was one of my favorites. She always had a hug and a word of encouragement. Cynthia Males, Jenks First Baptist*

cynthia males - October 21, 2020 at 07:06 PM



“ *My memories of Lillie we're visiting with her and Buster when they would visit family in Michigan and once visiting them in Tulsa. She was the first person I knew with a "southern" accent and I just loved listening to her talk 😊. I always remember her dressing nicely and always having her hair just perfect! She was a kind soul and I will remember her fondly.*

Michael Tellez - October 21, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ *Billie was the sweetest person I know. She is really enjoying her time with the Lord. Love her.*

Mary Beth Stelting - October 21, 2020 at 12:23 PM

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“ *Ellen, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Billie was my first Sunday School Teacher when we moved to Hobart. She was a special lady. I still remember your Dad greeting us at church with a big smile.*

Lorene and Flav Richardson - October 21, 2020 at 09:51 AM

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“ *Billie was a wonderful friend and Christian. We loved her cheerful smile.*

--Bob & Betty Ann Klaassen, Weatherford, OK

Bob Klaassen - October 20, 2020 at 11:05 PM

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Billie you are missed! Always a beautiful smile and kind words. James & Coletta McKey, Weatherford, OK

Coletta M McKey - October 21, 2020 at 05:19 PM