



Beatrice Mabel Ward

September 5, 1921 - March 15, 2019

“I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning to the end. He noted that first came her date of her birth and spoke the following date with tears. But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth...”

The dash that encompassed the life of Beatrice Mabel (Goebel) Ward began when she was born on September 5, 1921 in Port Arthur, Texas to Gus Henry Goebel and Emma Isabelle (Zinglemann) Goebel. She was baptized on September 18, 1921 and confirmed on March 25, 1934 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Arthur, Texas by Rev. Fred Siebelitz. Her confirmation verse was Matthew 10:32-33, “Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven”. Bea attended Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur where she played volleyball and basketball and was elected the class treasurer of her senior class of 1939. She was united in marriage to David Boseman Ward Jr. on March 16, 1940 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Arthur by Rev. C.W. Ladewig. Their union was blessed with two children, Karen and David. She was a devoted homemaker and loving wife, mother and grandmother to her family. While her children were young, she was involved in their various activities serving as cub scout leader, room mother and sewing costumes for

different school performances. After Karen and David were grown, she was the grandmother who was at all of her grandchildren and then great grandchildren's sporting events and school activities. Bea always took an active role in the church congregations where she and her family belonged through the years. Whether it was at Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Arthur, Concordia Lutheran Church in Houston or finally at St. John Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Bea was always involved in the LWML, taught Sunday school, helped with vacation bible school, assisted with the altar guild and helped to put together health kits and make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. She was involved with the Lutheran Braille Workers for over 33 years and helped to establish the local Braille Center at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings. Even after having to move to Burleson St. Joseph Manor for additional care, she still remained active and involved in the various activities at the center. Bea enjoyed quilting, gardening, canning, volunteered with the Lee County Sheriff's Department's Blue Santa program and will be remembered by her family as the best cook in the world.

Bea's dash came to an end the evening of Friday, March 15, 2019 when she passed from this earthly life at the Burleson St. Joseph Manor in Caldwell with her family by her side.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gus & Emma Goebel; her husband, David "Dave" B. Ward Jr.; her son, David Ronald Ward; her grandson, David Paul Ward; her sister and brother-in-law, Grace & Carl Wueller, and her brother and sister-in-law, James & Shirley Goebel.

"...And now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth. For it matters not how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash..."

Those left and blessed to have been part of Bea's dash include her daughter

and son-in-law, Karen & Robert Winter of Gardnerville, NV; her daughter-in-law, Linda Ward of Lincoln; her two grandsons, Jason Ward & his wife, Lesley of Lincoln, and Mark Winter & his wife, Nicole of Anchorage, AK; her granddaughter-in-law, Brenda Ward of West Point; her three great grandchildren, Brittni, Dalton, and Briley Ward of West Point; her brother and sister-in-law, Glenn & Ethel Goebel of LaPorte and a host of nieces and nephews and her many friends.

Services to celebrate Bea's life are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at St. John Lutheran Church in Lincoln with Rev. Dale Bohm officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church in Lincoln, the Lutheran Braille Workers, Hospice Brazos Valley, or the charity of one's choice.

“So think about this long and hard...for you never know how much time is left, that can still be rearranged. And love the people in our lives like we've never loved before remembering that this special dash might only last a little while. So, when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?” The Dash by Linda Ellis

Cemetery Details

St. John Lutheran Cemetery of Lincoln

1012 Private Road 8012
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Family Present for Visitation

MAR 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Public Visitation

MAR 20. 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAR **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Beatrice Mabel Ward*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - March 17, 2019 at 03:57 PM



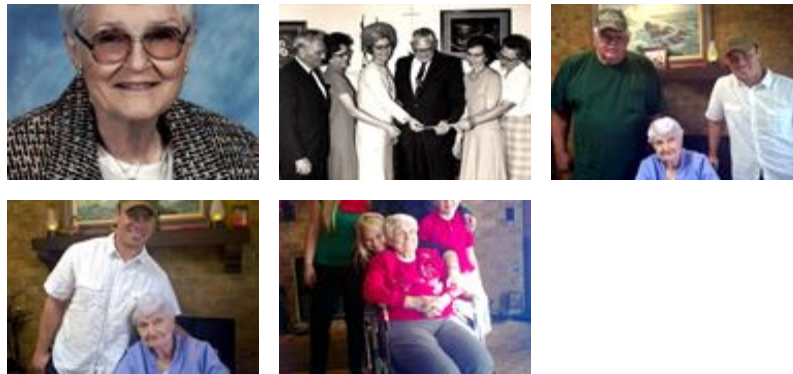
“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Beatrice Mabel Ward.*



March 19, 2019 at 11:23 AM



“ *91 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - March 17, 2019 at 02:48 PM

TG

“ Our Aunt Bea will be missed. We remember times at the beach near roll over pass @ Bolivar, Texas in the early 1960's. Family Christmas celebrations in Groves, Texas, and visits to her ranch in Giddings, Texas. Tim and Rose Goebel

Timothy Goebel - March 17, 2019 at 12:20 PM

LB

“ Bea loved our bingo and for years she played it with gusto and always participated in our open communion we provided, we all just loved our Bea, Rest in peace dear One and Peace, love and prayers for the family, Lillian Beasley, volunteer at St, Joseph Manor, Caldwell, Tx.

lillian beasley - March 17, 2019 at 08:13 AM

KN

“ Kathy Neal lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Mabel Ward



Kathy Neal - March 16, 2019 at 10:10 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss! May the Holy Spirit comfort you and God bless you!
When I first joined St. John's in Lincoln, Bea was one of the first people to welcome me and I will never forget her hospitality!

Kathy Neal - March 16, 2019 at 10:09 PM

AE

“ *My husband and I have happy memories of visiting with Dave and Bea at their home and at Dave’s hospital bedside. She was such a godly lady. Rev. David and Audrey Ebert.*

Audrey Ebert - March 16, 2019 at 03:01 PM