



Berdie L. Gambrell

July 20, 1919 - November 2, 2014

Funeral services for Berdie L. Gambrell, 95 of Thorndale will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 7, 2014 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Chapel in Rockdale. Burial will follow in the Pleasant Retreat Cemetery near Thorndale. Rev. Ray Prince of Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church will officiate. Visitation is 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Thursday at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Berdie Gambrell passed away Sunday, November 2, 2014 in the Scott & White Hospital in Round Rock. She was born July 20, 1919 in Thorndale to Charles and Matilda (Beard) Gambrell and lived most of her life in the Thorndale area. She was a homemaker until her children were grown, then went to school to be a beautician and worked at that profession for 20 years. She then took art and did oil painting, quilting and crocheting as a hobby. She was a member of Pleasant Retreat Methodist Church.

Berdie married Willis Gambrell on October 15, 1938 in Thrall, to which three children were born.

Berdie was preceded in death by her husband, Willis on January 18, 1996; great-granddaughter, Courtney Woelfel; brothers, Jasper and Rankin Gambrell and sister, Marjorie Hutchens; son-in-law, Milton Woelfel.

Surviving Berdie are her son, Darrell Gambrell and wife Ruby of Thorndale; daughters, Charlyne McDaniel and husband Monty of Thorndale and Berta Jean Woelfel of San Antonio; sister-in-law, Audry Gambrell of Austin; 8 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 207, Thorndale, Texas 76577.

Serving as pallbearers; Kevin Woelfel, Dwayne Woelfel, Dale Gambrell, Lance Betak, Jay Meadows, Josh Woelfel.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Retreat Cemetery

852 CR 458
Thorndale, TX 76577

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Chapel Service

NOV 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Berdie L. Gambrell*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 06, 2014 at 09:23 AM

TW

A beautiful tribute to one of most ladies of all time! Love you Nanny!

Tammy Woelfel - November 08, 2014 at 09:31 AM



“ *Bessie Cameron lit a candle in memory of Berdie L. Gambrell*



Bessie Cameron - January 03, 2015 at 07:54 AM



I look at her picture and I smile- I cook and I smile remembering some hints she gave on canning. I sew and I remember when she taught me to do a yoked dress. She is always in my heart and on my mind. Will miss her but Uncle Willis came to take her with him to God's home for her room was ready. Love you always.

Bessie Cameron - January 03, 2015 at 07:58 AM

TW

“ I will never forget the beautiful smile, contagious laugh and warm heart of this beautiful lady we call Nanny. You will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved you! I love you Nanny!

Tammy Woelfel - November 08, 2014 at 09:37 AM

TW

“ Tammy Woelfel lit a candle in memory of Berdie L. Gambrell



Tammy Woelfel - November 08, 2014 at 09:33 AM

VG

“ vanessa Gambrell purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Berdie L. Gambrell.



vanessa Gambrell - November 06, 2014 at 01:22 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Berdie L. Gambrell.



November 06, 2014 at 08:24 AM

RF

“ *Rebecca Bright & Family lit a candle in memory of Berdie L. Gambrell*



Rebecca Bright & family - November 05, 2014 at 08:26 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Berdie L. Gambrell.*



November 05, 2014 at 03:33 PM

KL

“ *I had big shoes to fill when I replaced Birdie at the beauty shop when she retired. She handed her clientele over with a smile and a few tips and hints. She was so kind and patient with a kid right out of school. I will remember her soft spoken voice, calm nature and generous spirit. What a lovely person she was. So glad I got to follow in her footsteps.*

Karen Lehman - November 05, 2014 at 02:18 PM

LC

“ *Lora Cornelius lit a candle in memory of Berdie L. Gambrell*



Lora Cornelius - November 05, 2014 at 12:56 PM

SL

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I loved to visit with Berdie when she and mother (Marjorie Harris) were living at SPJST Assisted Living. She was always so thoughtful and kind. If mother was unable to make it to a meal, she would save her dessert and share it. Always thinking of others. She was an angel on earth.

Suzanne Lenz - November 05, 2014 at 08:43 AM

EC

“ Berdie Gambrell was a woman who lived up to her Christian faith everyday. She was sweet, kind and understanding of everyone she met. You felt good just being around her. If you were lucky enough to have coffee and cake around her kitchen table you felt the love there. She always had a smile and sparkle in her eyes that made you feel welcome. Our lost us Heavens gain.

Elizabeth Chapman - November 04, 2014 at 10:43 PM

SS

“ Stephanie Self lit a candle in memory of Berdie L. Gambrell



stephane self - November 04, 2014 at 06:00 PM

SS

“ I loved my Nanny very much. Everytime I went to go see her I was always by her side, always helped her in any way I could. I loved my Nanny

stephane self - November 04, 2014 at 05:57 PM

VH

“ There are so many memories I have of Aunt Berdie. Every summer we came for a visit, something I always looked forward to. No matter how hard we tried to sleep in, the early morning smell of breakfast cooking and coffee perking lured us out of bed and into her kitchen. She always had the table full of things to eat, making sure we had enough. She let my brother and I walk on the rock fence in front of her house. We thought it was so high up, only to discover as we got older, it wasn't really THAT high. Later years, after Mama went home to be with the Lord, I went to her house and was there for a week. She and Aunt Marjorie (Margie Doll as I called her) had a good visit and I found comfort just being with them. In her always quiet voice she said "Oh look, we're bonding". These are just a few of the things I remember about her. She was loved by so many and will be completely missed.



Vicki Gambrell Hunt - November 04, 2014 at 05:17 PM

LF

“ LOVE, CANDY, DENISE, DONA AND FAMILY purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Berdie L. Gambrell.



LOVE, CANDY, DENISE, DONA AND FAMILY - November 04, 2014 at 03:28 PM

BS

“ *Bessie Ann SheppardCameron sent a virtual gift in memory of Berdie L. Gambrell*



Bessie Ann SheppardCameron - November 04, 2014 at 01:23 PM

BS

I always looked forward to visiting her as we'd get caught up on many things-her coffee was the best-had to be due to the water there in Thorndale because it never tasted that good back in Ft. Worth -she always had cookies or a cake to share =(she to me) was the perfect wife-mother-grandmother-sister-and Aunt anyone could have asked for. She always made me feel at home and at home I was. Her hugs could take away your sorrows-her laughter would light up her eyes- more so whenever she spoke of Uncle Willis a marriage made in heaven or about her grandchildren- She was a mom to me and shared many recipes from time to time and even told me how to use the oven to sterilize jars for canning tomatoes. She had a memory that was indeed helpful when I sought answers to the Gambrell and Sheppard families. I loved her so much and cared deeply for her. I will miss her and her soft yet gentle voice saying;" Bessie Ann" it's all going to be alright,words that would ring so true. Aunt Birdie tell Bubba hello for me. See you when I get there.

Bessie Ann SheppardCameron - November 04, 2014 at 01:40 PM

SM

“ Ms. Berdie, I'm sorry I never had a chance to meet you. I've met and visited with your wonderful loving daughter once, but the person I know best, is your beautiful and wonderful granddaughter, Sharon. What a kind, loving, wonderful person she is and I know that apple didn't fall far from your tree. Just reading all of the wonderful things those that knew you are saying, your offspring have definitely followed your lead.

My heart, thoughts and prayers for strength in the coming days for all of your family and friends. Rest in peace Ms. Berdie, until we meet in Heaven.

Sharon May - November 04, 2014 at 11:43 AM

CG

“ So sorry to hear of your loss! Berdie was a very caring and loving lady. I enjoyed working with her at the beauty shop many years ago. She cared about her family, friends, and customers. Berdie will live on in our hearts, for she is not gone, just away. One day we will all see her again. God has called her to her heavenly home to be by his side. God bless you and be with you through this time of sorrow.



Cynthia George Galbreath - November 04, 2014 at 08:19 AM



“ Aunt Birdie..as we all knew her...was never one to raise her voice. She loved us all to the moon and back. I have fond memories of sitting in her hair salon in downtown Thorndale visiting for a bit. Aunt Birdie...see you in Heaven! Tell mamma hello for me!



Mystic Meadows Pony Rescue - November 03, 2014 at 07:22 PM

JS

“ We are saddened to hear of your Mother's passing. Please know we are praying for you and your family in this difficult time. We were privileged to visit with her in August and she was as sweet and loving as ever. She will be missed.

Love to you all.

Jim and Nancy Sheppard, Vancouver, Washington

Jim Sheppard - November 03, 2014 at 06:24 PM