



Billie Joyce Stringer Gambrell

July 19, 1929 - August 5, 2017

Graveside services for Billie Joyce Stringer Gambrell, age 88 of Hutto and formally of Rockdale, will be held 10:30 a.m., Thursday, August 10, 2017 at the Oak Lawn Cemetery in Rockdale with Pastor Ronnie Marley officiating. Visitation will be held Wednesday, August 9, 2017 from 5:30 pm until 7:30pm at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Billie was born on July 19, 1929 in Dundee, Oklahoma to William Hugh and Mary Floy (Graham) Stringer. Her father was a carpenter and they moved around the state to find work so as a child she grew up and attended schools throughout the state until the summer of 1944 when the family settled in the Gay Hill Community. After she graduated from Rockdale High School in 1947, the family moved to Austin.

Billie's first job was at Scarborough Department Store in downtown Austin where she was the elevator girl. During her time at Scarborough's, she met a young man that worked next door, this young man was Jack Gambrell, her future husband that she married on December 2, 1948 in Martindale, Texas. She was a homemaker, however when the need arose she held jobs at the Department of Public Safety, Texas Employment Commission and the I.R.S.

Billie's greatest joy was being a mother, she had three children, she also took pride in raising her oldest granddaughter, Kristi. She loved to volunteer and

was active as a room mother and PTA member and officer. She also volunteered at the nursing home her mom was in. The family attended Trinity Evangelical Free Church in Austin, for many years where she was an active member and officer of the WMS as well as a Sunday School Teacher and Pioneer Girls Leader. When Jack and Billie retired to Rockdale, they became members of the First Baptist Church.

Billie passed away Saturday morning August 5, 2017 in the Falcon Ridge nursing home in Hutto, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack William Gambrell on November 6, 2007, her parents, her brother, Graham Stringer who was lost at Sea during World War II and her sisters, Fern Brokaw, Frieda Parker, Mary Baker and Gay Nell Draper.

Billie is survived by her sons, Michael Gambrell of Bloomburg, Texas and Jon Gambrell & wife Robin of Leander, Texas, daughter, Jacqueline Gambrell Samuelson & husband Mike of Hutto, Texas, daughter-in-law, Pamela Gambrell of Tucson, Arizona, Grandchildren, Kristi Gambrell Guathier & husband David, Kevin Samuelson & wife Devin, Kimberli Gambrell Wagner & husband Jason, Amy Samuelson Grady & husband Roger, Sarah Samuelson Washington & husband Brandon, Jessica Gambrell, Kyle Samuelson, David Gambrell, Jonathan Gambrell, James and Benjamin Gambrell, great-grandchildren, Kayla, Emily, Haley, Timothy and Zoey Gauthier, Evelyn and Ellie Samuelson, Hannah, Aubrie and Clara Grady, Autumn, Hailey and Rylee Wagner and Calan Washington, brothers-in-law, Jerry Draper of Kingsland and Martin Parker & wife Fran of Georgetown, she is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews that are scattered across Texas and the U.S

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **9**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
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Rockdale, TX 76567
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Graveside Service

AUG **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Oak Lawn Cemetery
250 S. Pear Street
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere sympathy goes out to each of you. Billie was a bright and shining star in all the years I've known her. She always had a smile and loved to laugh, making everyone else feel good, too. Enjoy all your happy memories of time with Billie and know that she is still smiling down at you from heaven. May peace be with you as you know she is at perfect peace and rest now, laughing with the angels!*

Ruth Cherry Fredericksen

Ruth Fredericksen - August 10, 2017 at 01:29 PM

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“ *Aunt Billie had a laugh that filled a room. It was so recognizable the minute it was heard you recognized her laughter. The laughter was complete joy. She will be missed by all who loved and knew her. Our prayers to the family. Our love, Don and Connie Baker*

Connie Baker - August 09, 2017 at 11:04 PM