



## Doris Beatrice Wren

January 2, 1929 - November 11, 2012

Doris Beatrice Knippa Wren was born on January 2, 1929, in Lexington, Texas to Paul Henry Knippa and Ella Martha Patschke Knippa. She was received into God's Kingdom of Grace in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on February 3, 1929, at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington through Rev. John Bohlmann. Doris made sincere profession of her holy faith in the Rite of Confirmation on September 20, 1942 at St. James Lutheran Church, under Pastor Edwin Riske. Her confirmation verse was Psalm 111, Verse 10: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: His praise endureth forever. Upon graduation from Lexington High School in May of 1946, Doris enrolled at the Southwest Texas Teachers College in San Marcos, Texas. In May of 1950, she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education with a Vocational Teaching Degree in Home Economics. Years later, through correspondence courses, she earned a teaching degree in Elementary Education. Doris was a very dedicated teacher for 30 years having taught in Thorndale, Smithville, and Lexington, until her retirement in 1985. On June 15, 1952, Doris was united in Holy Matrimony with Elton Cuthrell Wren at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington with Rev. Ludwig Karcher officiating. This union was blessed with four sons: Curtis Elton, Michael Alan, Rodney Wayne, and Byron Eugene. Doris was a lifelong member of St. James Lutheran Church. She taught Sunday School classes, helped with Vacation Bible School, was the organist for many years, and helped with various church

functions. In 1973, Doris was elected the "Homemaker of the Year" by the Lee-Burleson Soil Conservation District. In 1984, she received the "Lexington Outstanding Woman Citizen of the Year Award," and served as the "Parade Marshall" for the 1985 Lexington Homecoming. Doris passed away on the morning of Sunday, November 11, 2012, at St. David's South Austin Hospital. She is survived by four sons: Curtis and wife Charis of Georgetown; Michael and wife Pamela of Austin; Rodney and wife Jessica of Dallas; and Byron and wife Karen of Lexington. Eleven grandchildren: Callie Riffett and husband Zachary of Kyle; Caitlin Faubion and husband Tyler of Dallas; Cameron Wren of Georgetown; Annette Wren of Alabama, Ellie Wren of Austin, and David Wren of Arkansas; Nicholas Wren of Dallas and Claire Goodson of College Station; Bailey Wren of Huntsville, Keldon Wren of College Station, and Karley Wren of Lexington. One great-grandchild: Ella Riffett. A brother-in-law and sister-in-law: Elwood "Bud" and Doris Weiser. And many nieces and nephews. Preceding Doris in death were her dear husband, Elton "Buddy" Wren; her parents Paul and Ella Knippa; two brothers Franklin Knippa and Paul Knippa Jr; 2 sisters Anita Knippa Marburger and Ruth Knippa Zoch; and two brothers-in-law David Marburger and Arthur Zoch. Pallbearers are her grandsons: Cameron Wren, Keldon Wren, David Wren, Nicholas Wren, Zach Riffett and Tyler Faubion. Funeral services will be held at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Leif Hasskarl officiating. Burial will follow in the Lexington Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be at the Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Lexington on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, beginning at 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. with the family present from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Memorials have been requested to be given to the St. James Lutheran Church or the charity of one's choice.

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Doris Beatrice Wren*

Kimberly Ellender Collins - November 18, 2012 at 07:29 PM

JJ

“ *Doris Beatrice Wren*

Joy Johnson - November 13, 2012 at 11:45 PM

LS

“ *Doris Beatrice Wren*

Linda Wusterhausen Scott - November 13, 2012 at 08:56 PM

VI

“ *Doris Beatrice Wren*

Vickie & Ferman Iselt - November 12, 2012 at 10:38 PM

DJ

“ *Doris Beatrice Wren*

Diana Pharis Johnson - November 12, 2012 at 10:20 PM

SK

“ *Doris Beatrice Wren*

Sheryl Kleinschmidt - November 12, 2012 at 09:30 PM

GI

“ *Doris Beatrice Wren*

Gary and Beverly Iselt - November 12, 2012 at 02:12 PM

LB

“ *Doris Beatrice Wren*

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**Lisa Cass Bleeker** - November 12, 2012 at 08:37 AM

DB

“ *Doris Beatrice Wren*

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**David, Joanne Tally, and Samuel Bergsten** - November 12, 2012 at 05:02 AM

JB

“ *Doris Beatrice Wren*

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**Jeanie Brooks-Mundine** - November 12, 2012 at 01:12 AM