



Hazel Hart

February 3, 1928 - November 28, 2014

Hazel Jean (Curlee) Hart went to her heavenly reward on November 28, 2014, just shy of her 87th birthday. Funeral services will be at 2:00pm, Monday, December 1, 2014 at First Christian Church in Lexington with Rev. David Fischer officiating and burial to follow at the Hart Family Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Sunday, November 30, 2014, at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Lexington.

Hazel was the youngest of nine children of Judge E. Curlee and Clarence Eula (Gay) Curlee; she was raised in Lee County, in and around Lexington, Texas.

Married briefly as a teenager, she followed her marine husband to California, where she worked and modeled. Family legend had it that her legs were the model for the Hanes hosiery logo. When her marriage ended she returned to Texas.

In Lexington, she met and married Jesse L. "Red" Hart, a confirmed bachelor thirteen years her senior. Together they lived in Lexington and had three children, Claire Louise, Deborah Christine (Debi), and Thomas Aaron Hart. They were married for 54 years and 11 months until his death in 2007. Jean raised her children in the Baptist church, but when she finally brought her husband to the Lord, they became strong members of the First Christian

Church of Lexington.

Like all parents, she had her successes and her failures, but she taught her children a strong sense of right from wrong, of responsibility, and generosity. She was a strong believer in putting yourself in the other person's shoes and considering other people's feelings. Her deep sense of empathy and her beautiful smile made her a delight to all who knew her, including the many nurses and doctors who attended her in her last and third bout with cancer. She died peacefully at home, attended by her family and the generous care of Standard Hospice.

Preceded in death by her eight brothers and sisters, (including most recently Mary M. Brown and Emma Louise Archer), many friends, and her husband.

She is survived and celebrated by her three children, Thomas A. Hart and wife Cindy of Lexington, Claire L. Hart-Palumbo of Houston and Debi C. Smith and husband Cody of Lexington; her three grandchildren, Kimberly Jeter, Shannon Ferguson and Dustin Hart; and four great-grandchildren, Kaden Jeter, Peyton Ferguson, Christopher Ferguson and Coleman Hart; and scores of nieces, nephews and cousins. She never knew anyone who wasn't part of her family. She will be truly missed.

Serving as pallbearers, Phillip Brown, Michael Orr, Frank Doss Brown, Darryl Orr, Jimmy Hooper, Rodney Exner,
Honorary pallbearers, Allen Spence and Bob Hasselbush.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **30**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Lexington
120 Third Street
Lexington, TX 78947

Church Service

DEC **1**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
8870 North Highway 77
Lexington, TX 78947

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Hazel Hart*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 30, 2014 at 06:06 PM

SW

Hi Claire and family, so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. My thoughts are with you all. Scott Wallace

Scott Wallace - December 01, 2014 at 03:50 PM

CF

“ *Claire Hart-Palumbo's Halliburton Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Hazel Hart.*



Claire Hart-Palumbo's Halliburton Family - December 01, 2014 at 09:27 AM

DB

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with all of you. David, Joanne Tally and Samuel Bergsten*

David, Joanne Tally and Samuel Bergsten - November 29, 2014 at 03:10 AM