



Lillian Lenora Dyer

December 25, 1917 - January 8, 2015

Lillian Lenora Stuermer Dyer, age 97, of Ledbetter, Texas died at her home on January 8, 2015.

Lillian Lenora was born at home on December 25, 1917, in Ledbetter to Will and Sidonia (Kruse) Stuermer. After the untimely death of Will in 1919, Sidonia and her two children, Clarence and Lillian, joined forces with two Ledbetter school teachers, Leonie Rummel Weyand and Helen Rummel, as their boarding house keepers. They spent one year in Buda, Texas then took a giant leap into the unknown—going South (NOT West), traveling over the first highway connecting San Antonio with the Rio Grande Valley (which was under construction at that time). They arrived in Brownsville, Texas, which would become home for the next 60 years.

Lillian graduated from Brownsville High in 1935, and Brownsville Junior College in 1937. On March 20, 1939, she married Richard S. Dyer. In June of that year she graduated from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. She left TCU with a degree in Business Science, as well as a lifelong addiction to football. She had the privilege of living in Managua, Nicaragua and the Panama Canal Zone, where Richard was stationed by Pan American Airways during the war years. Coming back to Brownsville, her careers in secretarial, accounting, and office management were in the produce world for Larry Lightner, Inc. and Doc Treon Produce Company, in the auto world for

Otto Manske Motors and the beverage industry for Dr.Pepper Bottling Company for the Thomas H. Sweeney, Sr. family.

In May, 1984, Lillian returned to Ledbetter, where she worked every day at her grandfather's store for free, until November 26, 2014 when she became ill. In addition to her lifelong love of sports, Lillian was an avid reader and traveled vicariously through the many visitors at Stuermer Store.

Lillian is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Clarence in 2001, her only first cousin, Dorothy Ehlinger Penschorn in 2002, and her son-in-law, Jay Jervis in June of 2007.

She is survived by her daughter, Lillian Christine Jervis and husband Chad Allen.; her grandson, Jon Harold and Melissa Jervis; her granddaughter, Robin L. and J.S. Zapalac, Jr.; great-grandchildren, Lauran Maci, Jon Hunter, Caedon Wayne, Maddyson Brooke Jervis, Jessica Luran, Ty Aaron, Lilliana Maria, Jaylia Kristiana, and Jaycee Sadie Zapalac; niece, Susan Rae Thomas and Jack, nephew, Clarence Wm Stuermer, Jr. and extended by Christine's second family, Patrick, Monica, Michele, Kevin, Charlie, John, and Doady Allen and great grandchildren, Matthew and Jason Sotebier, Veda Allen, Alex and Allison Bassett.

A memorial mass will be at St.Margaret's Catholic Church in Giddings on Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 1:00 PM. Private family graveside services will be in the family plot at the Ledbetter Cemetery.

Lillian had a great appreciation for education and founded and faithfully contributed to several scholarships to further the education of youth. With this in mind, it is requested that in lieu of floral remembrances, please contribute to your favorite charity or scholarships for educational opportunities.

Cemetery Details

Ledbetter Cemetery

600 Prospect Road
Ledbetter, TX 78946

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Margaret Catholic Church
526 S. Grimes
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall

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“Christine, my heart goes out to you on the loss of your mother. It is indeed hard to lose a parent, even tho you know that they lived a long full life. My thoughts & prayers follow you through your adjustment period & beyond. Hands together for you & your family,

Dottie Irwin Copenhaver-Melko - February 08, 2015 at 09:43 PM



Our heart goes out to the whole extended Stuermer family. We loved visiting Lillian. - The Cerda families of Greenvine

Mark Butler - February 14, 2015 at 11:58 AM