



Lillie Mae Worthington

March 12, 1916 - March 3, 2015

Mrs. Lillie Mae Worthington, a longtime resident of Caldwell, died peacefully on March 3, 2015 at 4:30 a.m. at her home near Cook's Point with her son James Worthington at her side.

She is survived by her son James Irvin Worthington and her daughter Beverlye Kay Worthington DeBoice and her husband John Nicholas DeBoice. She is also survived by her grandchildren Christina Marie Masterson and her husband Eric Masterson, James Michael Worthington, John Christopher Worthington, Wendy Dawn DeBoice, Whitney Lorn DeBoice and his wife Kari Dawn DeBoice. Lillie also has two great grandchildren, Ashlee Nicole Masterson and Kameko DeBoice. There is one new great-great grand baby, Caius Calvo.

Lillie Mae Worthington was born March 12, 1916 in the Rio Grande Valley near Blessing, Texas to Cecil and Agnes Cox Bridges. Lillie had three younger sisters Glades Estelle, Emma Louise, and Dorothy Jean. Living on a small farm in the early 1900's was very difficult and Lillie clearly remembered picking cotton, feeding hogs when she wasn't in school. Lillie was born just three years after women won the right to vote. She lived her life as a strong and independent woman of the time. She was an excellent student while she was in school and after one year of college she was hired as the secretary to the Superintendent of the Bay City Schools. She held this position for year

before marrying Woodrow Worthington in December of 1940. She continued to work in Bay City and Woodrow worked as a high school football coach and teaching in Crosby, Texas. The United States entered World War II when they had been married less than a year and Woodrow joining the Army Air Corps and was station in several states as a physical trainer.

In 1944 Woodrow and Lillie Worthington welcomed their first child, Beverlye Kay to the family and when Woodrow returned from the military they moved to Channelview, Texas. The first home they had was built by Woodrow and his father, Irvin on three acres in Channelview. After the war Woodrow discovered that he was able to support his family much better by working for Humble Oil Company than teaching school. He continued to work at the refinery in Baytown, Texas until his retirement. Lille was hired as a Harris County Tax Assessor and Collector and continued to work in the Channelview District until she retired.

In their retirement year the Worthingtons returned to Woodrow's childhood home and purchased land that had belonged to her parents. They made many new friends and renewed friends from years ago. They enjoyed being part of the close knit community and belonging to the Cook's Point United Methodist Church where Woodrow had attended as a child. Lillie served on the Missions Committee and worked in the children's Sunday school and Vacation Bible School during the summer. She also belonged to the Methodist Women's quilting group and was a member of the Killer Bees Quilting Group. Lillie also loved to travel and went on many family vacations and also on several guided tours during her lifetime. She made on especially lovely trip to France in 1998 with her daughter Beverlye on a choir trip.

Lille was a loving wife, devoted mother and a loyal friend. She will be greatly missed, but we rejoice that she has joined the great communion of saints. Lillie's faith sustained and strengthened her in life and she has left a powerful

spiritual legacy for her loved ones.

Cemetery Details

Caldwell Masonic Cemetery

1411 W. Buck St.
Caldwell, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Caldwell
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Chapel Service

MAR 13. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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