



Mary Bethel Blaha

November 18, 1928 - March 26, 2023

Mary Bethel Blaha, 94, of Dime Box went to be with our Lord and Savior on Sunday, March 26, 2023 surrounded by family. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 from 5pm to 7pm. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 30th at Dime Box Brethren Church at 10am with Brother David Johnson officiating. Burial will follow at Hranice Cemetery in Dime Box.

Mary Bethel Qualls was born on November 18, 1928 in Holland, Texas to James Lee Qualls and Berta C. Brown Qualls. She was one of six siblings, and graduated from Lexington High School in 1946. She married the love of her life, Daniel W. Blaha, on December 17, 1947 at the Lexington Baptist Church. They spent 50 years together traveling New Mexico and Colorado, and running Blaha's RV Park in Lexington. She also worked at Brinkman Chevrolet over the years.

Her passions included painting the beautiful scenes she saw during her travels and sewing. Bethel was known as a seamstress and sewed many clothes for her loved ones over the years. She loved listening to big band music, polka, and waltzes while working, and she and Dan would go dancing whenever they got the chance. She attended church every Sunday at the Brethren Church down the street from her. Being active in the church and serving the Lord always brought her joy and comfort. She enjoyed spending time out of the house going to Caldwell to sew, can vegetables, shell pecans

and peas, and catching up with her dear friends. Her dedication to the Lord and her company will be dearly missed. We are grateful for the hope of resurrection through faith and are greatly looking forward to meeting her in Heaven.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Dan Blaha; parents, Lee and Berta (Brown) Qualls; brother, Robert (Sonny) Qualls; sisters, Berta (Cotton) Urban, Clara Belle Smith Homesley, Dorothy (Dot) Snapp, and Barbara Lay.

Bethel leaves behind nephew and caretaker, Jeffrey Zgabay, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and beloved friends.

She is survived by sister-in-law, Clara Eloise Cass, and brother-in-law, Ray Lay.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Dime Box Brethren Church or Hranice Cemetery.

The family extends a special thank you to the staff of St. Joseph Manor in Caldwell, Texas and staff of Amedisys Hospice in Bryan, Texas for their unwavering devotion and care for Bethel.

Express condolences at phillipsandluckey.com.

Cemetery Details

Hranice Cemetery

CR 426
Dime Box, TX 77853

Previous Events

Public Visitation

MAR **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Caldwell
404 W. Buck St.
Caldwell, TX 77836
(979) 567-3232
phillipsandluckeyfh@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Dime Box Brethren Church
8361 FM 141
Dime Box, TX 77853

Interment

MAR 30. 11:30 AM (CT)

Hranice Cemetery

CR 426

Dime Box, TX 77853

Tribute Wall

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Pam Iselt - March 30, 2023 at 12:41 AM

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Pam Iselt - March 30, 2023 at 12:32 AM

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Brenda Smith Cox - March 29, 2023 at 02:49 PM

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Brenda Smith Cox - March 29, 2023 at 02:25 PM

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“ She was so proud to tell me that she had renewed her driver's license on her 90th birthday!



Brenda Smith Cox - March 29, 2023 at 02:24 PM

DJ

“ *Bethel and her Pharis kids. We will miss her very much. She was a very special lady.* ”



Diana Johnson - March 29, 2023 at 11:12 AM

PF

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



Paula Foster - March 28, 2023 at 01:43 PM

DJ

She loved the meals you shared at the park.

Diana Johnson - March 29, 2023 at 01:15 PM

PM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



Peggy Mensik - March 28, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Bethel Blaha.*



March 28, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. David, Joanne Tally, and Samuel Bergsten*



Bergsten Family - March 28, 2023 at 08:14 AM



“ *She also worked at Sherrill's income tax service. Her and Mrs. Sherrill did my first income tax. I remember getting a phone call from her, "Dwane, you are missing 3 or 4 months of canceled checks." Did she get on my butt, you have to start doing better. I always loved talking with her and Dan. Lots of stories about going to Colorado and going dancing at Frenstad. Stories about me and Big Mike Blaha. Will miss her. May You Rest In Peace.*

Dwane Wiederhold - March 27, 2023 at 09:30 PM



“ *To Jeffrey and family - so sorry for your loss. She was such a sweet lady.*



Violet Frosch - March 27, 2023 at 09:13 PM

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Peggy Mensik - March 27, 2023 at 04:59 PM