



## Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Maresh

April 28, 1909 - January 11, 2015

Mary Elizabeth Maresh, 105, received her heavenly wings on January 11, 2015. Funeral services will be held on January 15th at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Deanville with Terry Moon officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. Wednesday until 8:00 p.m. A prayer service will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at at 7:00 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Caldwell. Mary Elizabeth Delaney was born on April 28, 1909 in the New York Foundling Hospital. Her birth parents were a Mary Delaney and Charles Doyle. Mary was given up for adoption by her mother. At the age of 21 months, she was placed on an Orphan Train to Texas . Mary was indentured to Anna Marek of the Frenstat community on January 24, 1911 and eight months later was indentured to Bohumil and Mary Charanza Prazak, also of the Frenstat community. Hannah Shady, also an Orphan Train Rider born in the New York Foundling Hospital, had previously been indentured by the Prazaks. On January 15, 1913, Hannah and Mary were adopted and became Mary and Hannah Prazak and loving sisters. Mary was raised in the Catholic faith and later became a faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Deanville where she was the oldest living member. She received her education in the Prairie Dale School. On January 26, 1926, Mary was married to the love of her life, Vince Maresh and they made their home in the Deanville area for the remainder of their life--to this union were born four children: Delphine, Jimmie, James and Beverly Maresh. Mary was considered the matriarch of the John Maresh family as she

was the last remaining member of this generation. She was also one of the few living and the oldest surviving Orphan Train Rider. Mary was preceded in death by her adopted parents; her husband; her sons, Jimmie Delaney Maresh and James Edward Maresh; daughter and son-in-law, Delphine and Q.E. May; grandson Wayne May; and sister and brother in law, Hannah and Anton Noska. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Beverly and Donnie Blinka; grandchildren: Janis and Kenneth Mueller, Charlotte and Allen Hold, Melanie and Seth Becka and Terry May; great grandchildren: Scotty and Roseann Mueller, Dana Mueller, Stacy May, Cody May, Morgan Becka, Coy Becka, Easton Becka and Delayna Hold; great- great grandsons: Jackson, Jared, and Jase Mueller. Nieces and nephews: Larry and Shannon Maresh, Sylvia and Don Groce, Gladene Godby, Lydia Supak, Ray and Jamie Wolman, Kenneth Wolman, and Lavone and Don Morgan as well as numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be John Maresh, Kenneth Mueller, Larry Maresh, Ray Wolman, Don Groce, Donnie Blinka, Seth Becka, and Allen Hold. Honorary pallbearers will Len Kubiak, Kenneth Wolman, Glenn Shupak, Paul Dixon, Scotty Mueller, Cody May and Phil Lancaster. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, Deansville, Texas.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery

2609 FM 60  
Deanville, TX 77852

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Prayer Service

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## Church Service

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JAN 15. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Johns Lutheran Church  
FM 60 & FM 111  
Deanville, TX

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My sympathy to the Maresh Family. Mrs. Maresh was a wonderful lady. I knew of her from my family and cousin's.*  
*Gary and Beverly (Reichle) Iselt*

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**Beverly Iselt** - January 15, 2015 at 09:16 AM