



Minna Belle "Coots" Hawkins Rhodes

September 27, 1925 - December 10, 2018

Minna Belle "Coots" Hawkins Rhodes, of Lexington, Texas, passed away Monday, December 10, 2018 in Cameron, Texas at the age of 93. Her funeral service will be held Thursday, December 27, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. in the Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale with Rev. Raegan Seaton of Lexington United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow in the Hugh Wilson Cemetery in Tanglewood, Texas. Visitation will also be Thursday, December 27th, from 1:00 p.m. until service time at 2:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Minna Bell Hawkins Rhodes was born September 27, 1925 in Waverly, Texas to Janie Lou Elmo (Walker) and Clarence Roger Hawkins, Sr. She was nicknamed "Coots" by her father. Her family moved from Waverly to Houston.

Coots graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School. She was swept off her feet by a dashing young man named Dewey Rhodes from Lexington, Texas. They were married August 14, 1943 in Houston. They had four children; Judy Ann, Terrie Lee, Margaret "Margo" Dewise and Sallie Jane.

Coots was a member of the United Methodist Church, Eastern Star, PTA, American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, the Tanglewood Volunteer Fire Department, served as an election judge for many years in both Harris and Lee County. She enjoyed bowling, dancing, traveling and her grandchildren.

After Dewey's death, she married Fred Rhodes, Sr., on March 23, 1988. They were married 30 years before his death. Their blended family included six children 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmo and Clarence Hawkins, Sr.; her first husband, Dewey Rhodes; second husband, Fred Rhodes, Sr.; two daughters, Judy Ann and Margo Maddux; two brothers, Clarence Rogers "Sunny" Hawkins, Jr., and Robert Elmo "Peanut" Hawkins; and a sister, Myrl Maxine Hawkins Rhodes.

Surviving Coots are her two daughters, Terrie and husband Chester Smith of Lexington and Sallie and husband Bill Spivey of Lexington; son-in-law, Curt Maddux of Georgetown; six grandchildren, Cary Smith and wife Dawn of Athens, Tennessee, Kim Barrett and husband Matt of Bend, Oregon, Robyn Poston and husband Troy of Coppell, Texas, Jason Smith and wife Julie of Annandale, Virginia, Brian Jay Maddux and wife Sharon of Fresno, California, Sarah Bower and husband Matt of Denver, Colorado and Tripp Spivey and fiancée Ashley Schatte of LaGrange; step-daughters, Vicki Hodges and husband David of Lexington and Miki Elliott and husband Hal of Lexington; step-son, Fred L. Rhodes, Jr. and wife Tonya of Lexington and nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones.

Coots pallbearers are, Cary Smith, Jason Smith, Troy Poston, Jay Maddux, Tripp Spivey, Matt Bower, Zander Smith, Walker Smith.

Honorary pallbearers are, Austin Poston, Dylan Poston, Matt Barrett, Mike Hawkins, Kirby Hawkins.

Donations may be made to; Lexington United Methodist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 116, Lexington, Texas 78947, or Lexington American Legion

Post 6, P.O. Box 94, Lexington, Texas 78947 or charity of your choosing.

Cemetery Details

Hugh Wilson Cemetery

1040 County Road 456
Lexington, TX 78947

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
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Chapel Service

DEC 27. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Minna Belle "Coots" Hawkins Rhodes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - December 21, 2018 at 04:15 PM



“ *Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Minna Belle "Coots" Hawkins Rhodes.*



December 22, 2018 at 09:04 AM



“ *I was so saddened to hear about sweet Coots. Loved her (and Fred). I always looked forward to seeing them at church. RIP. Love, Joe and Cindy Jackson*



Cindy - December 16, 2018 at 11:02 AM

 Shirley Paschal

“ Shirley Paschal lit a candle in memory of Minna Belle "Coots" Hawkins Rhodes



Shirley Paschal - December 15, 2018 at 11:01 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. David, Joanne Tally and Samuel Bergsten



Bergsten Family - December 15, 2018 at 04:18 AM



“ I am blessed to have so many great memories of Aunt Cootsie and Uncle Dewey. The most treasured memories, though, are of her laughing and talking with my granddaughters this past year. The girls will miss their visits with her and Uncle Fred.

Becky Shelly - December 14, 2018 at 11:26 PM