



Ramona Madalene Barlow

February 10, 1935 - December 6, 2013

Ramona Madalene Caldwell Barlow was born to Clinton Lynn and Alma Myrtle (Hanley) Caldwell on February 10, 1935 at her grandparent's, Tom and Jessie Hanley, home in Calvin, Hughes County, Oklahoma. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, parents and husband of 42 years, Alva Jean Barlow. He passed away May 17, 2001. She grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma and graduated from Central High School in Tulsa in May 1953. She graduated from Mary Hardin-Baylor College, now University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, in Belton Texas in May 1957. She earned a Ba in Physical Education, She later returned to UMHB and earned teacher certification and added a major in History. While a student at MHBC, she was president of the freshman class, most representative freshman nominee, Who's Who on campus, received Stella P. Ross award, Pepper Dorm Council, Sophomore class historian, Baptist Student Union Officer, Women's Athletic Association officer, Historical Phila Society, Delta Psi Kappa, (honorary physical education fraternity), senior class play participant, Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges, worked on Texas state YWA house parties that were held on campus and was a guest speaker at various churches and organizations in the Belton area. To help pay for college, she worked in the dining hall, physical education office, the infirmary and her senior year she worked part time in the office at First Baptist Church in Belton. During the summers of 1953 and 1954, she worked at Nogales Avenue Baptist Church in Tulsa as financial secretary and then as church secretary. She taught tennis at Camp Junaluska, North Carolina the

summer of 1955 and worked in the business office at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in North Carolina the summer of 1956. After graduation from college, she worked at First Baptist Church in Tulsa until her marriage. Alva and Ramona met at First Baptist Church in Belton while he was working for the Santa Fe Railroad in Killeen. He then served two years in the military. They were married June 12, 1959 at First Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They loved to travel and camp especially on vacations. They traveled to 50 states, 42 countries and 5 continents. Ramona taught school for 25 years, first year was part time. She taught physical education for 3 years, title 1 for one year and 6th grade social studies for 20 years. Her teaching career was all in Rockdale. She was active in First Baptist Church holding various offices in Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Union and Senior Adult Ministry. She was a member of Rockdale Historical Society, Daughters of the American Revolution and Delta Kappa Gamma. She was historian for First Baptist Church, Rockdale Historical Society, Lucy Hill Patterson Library and Rockdale Homecoming Association. She was the family historian, loved bird watching and making scrapbooks of her precious grandchildren. She is survived by three children; Kimberlea Teal Ashworth and husband Col (Ret.) Eric Ashworth of Carlisle, PA, Kevin Lynn Barlow and wife Glenna of Houston and William Kyle Barlow of Des Plaines, IL. Also, five grandchildren: David Lynn Barlow and Lauren Christine Barlow both of Austin, Kelsea Laurel Ashworth of Boston MA, Jered Marshall Ashworth and Keara Jade Ashworth both of Carlisle PA. Numerous cousins also survive her. Ramona passed away Friday, December 6, 2012 in the Scott & White hospital in Temple at the age of 78. Funeral Service for Mrs. Barlow will be held at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, December 12, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in Rockdale, with Rev. Jack Chelf officiating, Burial will follow in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday, December 11, 2013 from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be Kevin Barlow, Kyle Barlow, David Barlow, Col (Ret.) Eric Ashworth, Jared Ashworth, Mark Vreeland. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Family Life Center, P.O. Box 109,

Rockdale, TX 76567 or to the American Cancer Society, 963 North FM 908,
Rockdale, Texas 76567 or charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



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